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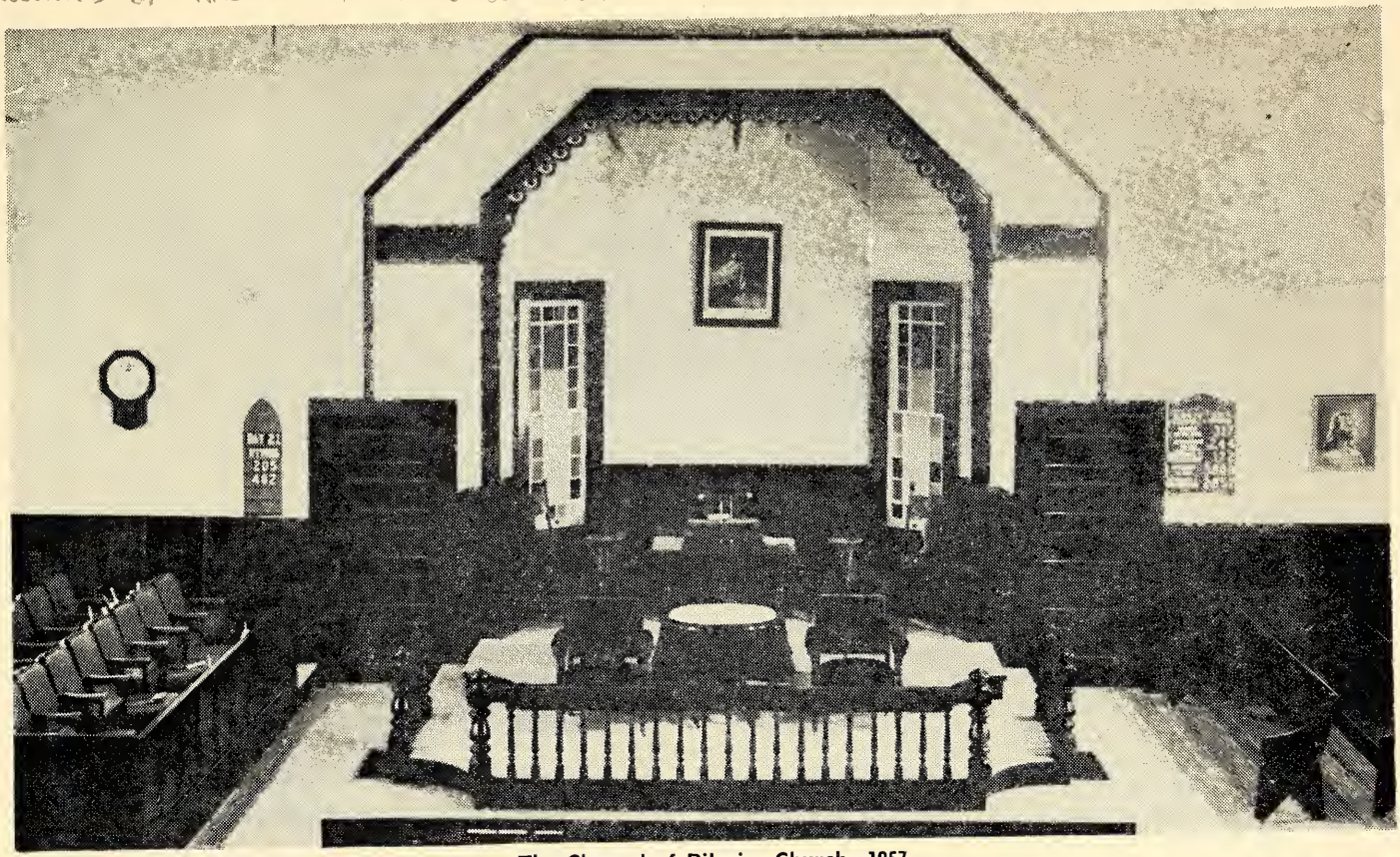

The Chancel of Pilgrim Church—1957

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DEDICATION

This history of Pilgrim Church's first Two Hundred years is dedicated to the Glory of God the Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit; and to the many Faithful Ministers and the thousands of Loyal Members who were moved by His Spirit in the making of this history and to those who will continue with His Help to make History at Pilgrim Church in the same Christian Tradition as motivated these first two hundred years.

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THE FIRST SETTLERS IN DAVIDSON COUNTY

War and persecution left the German Protestants of the Palatanate in Germany in a destitute situation. Soon after 1700 they began to turn their hopes toward the "New World," America. Thousands left their homes, lands and relatives, and journeyed hundreds of miles overland to Amsterdam, Holland, to seek passage to America. Many gave their life savings for passage to America. After a voyage of three to six months, they arrived in the port of Philadelphia in Pennsylvania. Here thousands of Germans found refuge and freedom. They found land and opportunity and built for themselves new homes where they might rear their families.

By 1740 the best land in Eastern Pennsylvania, in Bucks County, in Lancaster County, and in York County, had been taken, and the steady stream of Germans coming for a "new life" turned their faces West and South.

In the early 1740's on through the 1770's, thousands of these Germans made their way on the ardious trip into the wilderness of central North Carolina. The usual route taken was through Lancaster, Pa., to York, Pa., where they forded the Susquehana River, on down to Fredrick, Maryland; over to Winchester, Va., down the Shenandoah Valley; crossing the Fluvanna River at Looney's Ford; on down to the Staunton River, and down the river through the Blue Ridge to Roanoke, Va.; southward to a crossing on the Dan River below the mouth of the Mayo River; and on the Salem, and into the heart of Piedmont, N. C. This trip took from 10 days to two weeks, with the constant danger of Indians, floods and wild animals.

It was from Germany and Pennsylvania that the first settlers of Forsyth, Davidson, and Rowan Counties came. They came in families, and singularly; they came young and old; they came, to live and to die; here in a new land in new homes.

Jacob Berrier, Phillip Sowers, Jacob Hege, Henry Shoaf, Valentine Leonard, Christopher Sprecher, John George Sprecher, Adam Hedrick, Peter Meyers, Sr., Adam Conrad, Jacob Byerly, George Clodfelter and Peter Spengler were among these early settlers to travel to new homes in Davidson County, North Carolina.

These men were among the first to settle on Abbotts Creek, Leonard's Creek, Rich Fork, and the west side of the Yadkin River. They cleared land, built crude homes, and began to make a way of life for themselves and their families. These settlers were Germans, speaking German, reading German and coming from German Churches; that is, Lutheran, Reformed, or Moravian. It is safe to conclude that a majority of the first settlers along Abbott's Creek were Reformed, for the first Church they erected was a Reformed Church. With them they had brought their Bibles, Hymnals and Catachesims, but there were no ministers nor teachers available. There were no Church buildings.

THE FOUNDING OF PILGRIM CHURCH

Thus it was, as the story is told, that in about 1753 or 1754 Jacob Berrier and some companions were riding through the country side along Abbotts Creek. About three miles from Abbotts Creek they came to a grove of oak, hickory and maple trees, which was near a spring. It is said that Jacob Berrier exclaimed: "Gott hat diese stelle zur verehrung seines Namens geschaffen; heir mussen wir ein Versammlungshaus haben." (God has fashioned this place for a house of worship; here we must have a meeting-house.) Not long after this a crude shelter, known as a brush arbor was fashioned here for use, and was the first place of worship for these early settlers in Davidson County.

The older men were the first leaders of worship, if it might have been called that. Ministers were scarce and far between, but these faithful German people had been accustomed to worship, and they were not to be denied.

THE REV. CHRISTIAN THEUS—FIRST PASTOR

Just how long it was after they constructed their first place of worship, the brush arbor, until the first minister of the Gospel preached there is unknown. The nearest minister of the Reformed

faith on record was the Rev. Christian Theus, who resided in South Carolina, near the present city of Columbia. Rev. Christian Theus had come to South Carolina from Switzerland in 1739, as a candidate for the ministry, having completed his theological training in Switzerland. He was examined, ordained and licensed by the "English Presbyterian Ministerium" soon after his arrival in America. He found St. John's Church on the Congaree River, below the present site of Columbia, S. C. He lived near this church for more than fifty years, until his death some time after 1789.

During the first years of his ministry he pastored Swiss and German Reformed people all over the two Carolinas. Thus it was that he traveled hundreds of miles from his home into North Carolina and is considered to have been the first pastor of Pilgrim Church and many other Reformed Churches in North Carolina. Mr. Abraham Geiger erected a tombstone, which now stands in the cemetery at Sandy Run Lutheran Church, in Calhoun County, South Carolina, to the memory of the Rev. Mr. Theus. It bears the following inscription:

"This stone points out where the remains of Rev. Christian Theus lie. This faithful devine labored through a long life as a faithful servant of his Master's vineyard, and the reward which he received from many of his labors was ingratitude."

VALENTINE LEONARD—PHILLIP SAUER

The land on which the brush arbor was erected for the first worship at Pilgrim was a fifty acre tract between the lands of Valentine Leonard and Phillip Sowers, near the creek which became known as "Leonard's Creek." The land of Valentine Leonard was first deeded to him in 1761, stating that the land lay on both sides of the "South Fork of Abbott's Creek." Valentine Leonard had come to North Carolina from the Palatinate in Germany in about 1746. He was born in Katzenbach, Germany, on October 13, 1718. He, his wife Elizabeth and their five sons and their wives, and three daughters and their husbands, were all members of the Reformed Church. Since the Church was near his home and he and his family were active members of the church, Pilgrim Church in its early years was known as Leonard's Church. It is also referred to in the "Records of the Moravians In North Carolina" as the "Abbott's Creek Church."

Phillip Sauer, whose land lay on the west side of the church lands, came to North Carolina in 1753 and took up a tract of land. He was married soon after he came to Davidson County. The first baptismal entry on the First Church book of Pilgrim is that of his first-born child, Anna Catherine, who was born April 27, 1757. Fourteen children of Phillip Sauer are listed in this book. Phillip Sauer later gave the land for Beulah Church, and was a charter member of that Church, which in its early years was known as Sauer's Church.

THE SECOND PASTOR

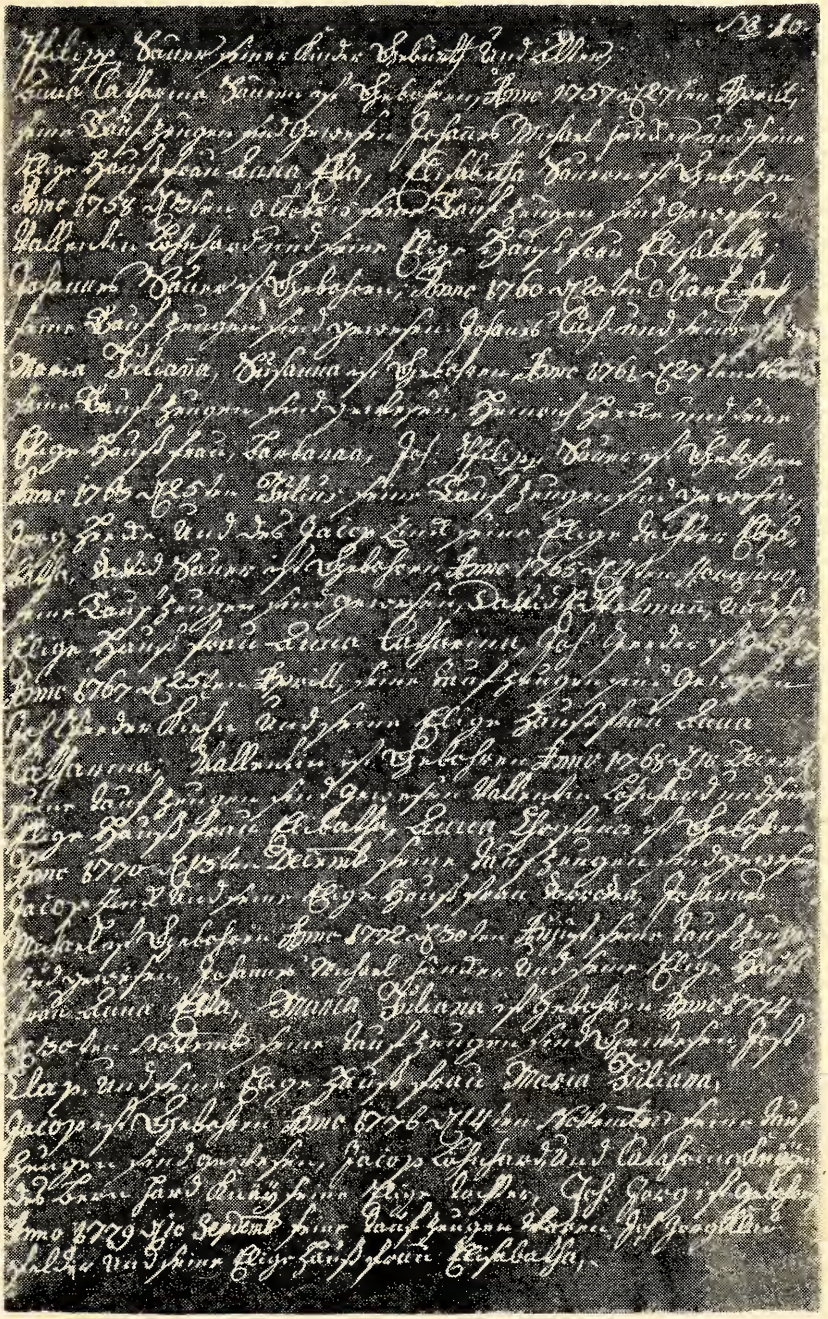
The Rev. James Martin is listed as having pastored at Pilgrim Church from 1759-1764. He was a Swiss Reformed minister who preached to the Reformed people throughout the Piedmont North Carolina. Little else is known of this minister.

THE FIRST CHURCH BOOK

The first church book of Pilgrim Reformed Church is in the State Department of History and Archives in Raleigh, N. C. It lists 36 heads of families. The writing is in German, and is in various handwritings. There are 179 baptisms listed from 1757 to 1798. Of these baptsms, 145 are recorded prior to 1787, and 33 prior to 1772. The names of the god-parents (Taufzeugen) are given in most cases.

The following lists here are taken from the Notebook of Rev. C. C. Wagoner, and do not appear in the order nor wording that is found in the original Church book. However, most of the information is here. Additional notes have been added by the editor from the notebook of Rev. Mr. Wagoner, and from information supplied by Mr. Henry Reeves of Lexington.

The lists here are in alphabetical order, listing the head of the family and his children and the dates of their births. The single exception to this is the family of Michael Sink. The entry for this family is taken from a photostatic copy of the page of the first church book that contains this information. The wording of this page should give the reader some idea of just how all of the pages are worded.



The First Church Book Family of Phillip Sauer

PILGRIM REFORMED CHURCH, DAVIDSON COUNTY

DAVID BERRIER (BEYRER) was married to Lowisa Likenhuer, April 10, 1776 by Rev. John Arnda.

Anne Maria Barbara	April 25, 1777
Anna Catherine	February 20, 1781
Phillip	July 20, 1782

Children of JOHN MARTYN BERRIER, son of Jacob Berrier and Christina. (John Martin Berrier and Mary Catherine Spengler were married May 2, 1765)

John Jacob	June 8, 1767
Christine Barbara	October 18, 1770
Maria Barbara	April 12, 1772
David	March 28, 1773

(Godparents David Berrier and Barbara Hundsinger.)

Peter	November 10, 1775
Phillip	December 24, 1776
Catherine	November 12, 1778
Elizabeth	March 13, 1780
Martin	August 15, 1784
John	October 3, 1789

John George Clodfelter (Klatfelder), son of Felix and Sarah Clodfelter, (Felix was born in 1727, in Canton of Zurich, Switzerland, and Sarah was born in 1731, in Wurttemberg, Germany). (John George Clodfelter married Elizabeth Leonard, daughter of Valentine Leonard).

Jno George	July 1, 1780
Anna Catherine	April 10, 1783
David	July 22, 1785
Elizabeth	February 19, 1788
Joseph	May 19, 1790
Daniel	September 26, 1792
Phillip	March 11, 1795

(Godparents of Anna Catherine were Joseph Wagner and Anna Catherine)

ADAM CONRAD (Courath)

Catherine Margaret	November 9, 1761
Henry	December 27, 1762
Anna Margaret	August 6, 1764
Mary Magdalene	November 26, 1765
Anna Christena	August 6, 1768
Barbara	September 2, 1769
David	April 6, 1771
Adam	August 4, 1774
Valentine	November 26, 1776
Mary	February 29, 1778
Jno George	March 11, 1780

HENRY CONRAD

Elizabeth ____ July 7, 1787
David ____ December 18, 1788

JACOB CRATTS (Kratz)

(Son of Adam Cratts)

Catherine Barbara ____ January 29, 1779
Maria Eve ____ February 14, 1780
Valentine ____ February 8, 1781
David ____ September 29, 1782
Eliz ____ December 17, 1783
Anna Marie ____ February 1, 1785
Jno Jacob ____ October 4, 1786
Susanna ____ January 8, 1788

JOHN HENRY DARR (Dorr) (Son of Melchor and Marie Darr)

Maria Eva ____ August 10, 1775
Eliz ____ November 19, 1777
Jno Henry ____ May 25, 1780
Maria Barbara ____ November 15, 1782
Daniel ____ March 24, 1785
Jno ____ June 27, 1787

(Baptised August 5)

MICHAEL DAY (Dag) (Son of Valentine Day)

Eva ____ May 1, 1770
Michael ____ September 28, 1774
Daniel ____ September 28, 1777

PETER EVERHART (Eberhardt) (Wife, Dorothy)

Anna Maria ____ February 6, 1781
John Jacob ____ November 27, 1783
Phillip ____ December 10, 1786
Magdalena ____ March 20, 1789

CHRISTINE GRIMES (Kreim)

Susanna ____ December 8, 1785
Maria Barbara ____ May 11, 1787
Eva Margaret ____ December 31, 1788

HENRY HAPPES

Anna Catherine ____ March 13, 1786
Eliz ____ June 20, 1788

ADAM HEDRICK—born in 1741 in Pennsylvania, and married Barbara Hege in 1769.

Anna Nearia	July 25, 1770
Jno George	May 16, 1772
Jacob	October 16, 1774
Jno Phillip	August 16, 1776
Jno Adam	August 26, 1778
Barbara	October 29, 1780
Anna Margaret	December 29, 1782
John	February 13, 1785
Jno Peter	February 20, 1787

GEO HEGE (Heche)

Anna Maria	April 13, 1766
Barbara	November 9, 1767
Anna Catherine	November 9, 1767
Jno	December 20, 1769
Anna Eliz	March 15, 1772
Susanna	October 28, 1774
Jno George	October 28, 1775
Eva	November 28, 1776
Jno Jacob	March 6, 1781
Magdalene	March 15, 1783
David	June 15, 1785
Youngest son	August 26, 1787

HENRY HEGE (Married Barbara Leonard)

Barbara	February 15, 1767
Valentine	February 15, 1769

PETER HETRICK

John	February 23, 1811
Philip	September 26, 1813
Adam	May 29, 1816
Andrew	March 13, 1820
Madeline	August 5, 1822
Solomon	June 5, 1829

JACOB LEONARD (Son of Valentine)

Anna Christena	November 20, 1784
Eliz	October 21, 1786
Jno	
Jacob, Jr.	February 20, 1789
Valentine	
Daniel	
Susan	
Sally	
Mary	
Barbara	

MICHAEL LEONARD (Brother of Valentine)

Jno Jacob	June 20, 1778
Philip	October 1, 1776
Michael	October 1, 1776
Anna Barbara	May 6, 1782
Valentine	January 24, 1784
Anna Catherine	October 14, 1786

PHILLIP LEONARD
(Son of Valentine who married Anna Marie Shoaf)

Susanna	July 21, 1783
Jno Henry	January 13, 1785
Second Daughter	March 4, 1787

VALENTINE LEONARD
(Son of first Valentine)

Jno Phillip	January 9, 1774
Elizabeth	August 2, 1775
Anna Barbara	April 28, 1777
Sarah	June 8, 1779
Jno George	June 10, 1781
Valentine	January 22, 1784
Jno. Peter	February 12, 1786
Daniel	May 6, 1789
David	March 10, 1792
Philippina	April 23, 1795
Maria Sarah	April 2, 1798

(Baptised June 22)

PETER LOPP
(Married daughter of Wm. Frank and Barbara)

Barbara	January 16, 1788

DAVID MYER

Jno. George	November 30, 1785
Christian	February 19, 1786
John Henry	October 23, 1788

MICHAEL MYER

Anna Catherine	December 8, 1777
Christina	November 14, 1779
Sybilla Magdalena	July 22, 1782
Anna Christena	October 6, 1784
Marisa	March 11, 1786
John Jacob	July 20, 1789

Michael Myer was married to Maria Eva Kreim by Rev. John Arndt, December 26, 1775.

PETER MYER (Maeyer)

Jno. George	December 9, 1775
Jno. Jacob	March 2, 1786
Jno. Peter	March 15, 1788
David	October 24, 1789

PETER MYER

Jno George	August 13, 1788

PHILLIP SAUER

Anna Catherine—born April 27, 1757, Godparents John Michael Young and his wife Anna Eva.

Elizabeth	October 13, 1758
John	March 20, 1760
Susanna	November 27, 1761*
John Phillip	July 25, 1763
David	February 4, 1765
John Peter	April 25, 1767
Valentine	December 10, 1768
Anna Christena	December 13, 1770
John Michael	August 30, 1772

(Godparents were John Michael Jung and wife)

Maria Julianna	November 30, 1774
Jacob	November 14, 1776
John George	September 10, 1779
Anna Maria	May 20, 1781

*Susanna married John George Berrier, son of Charles and Jonna Spaugh Berrier.

DAVID SOWERS

David was born Sept. 29, 1794 and his wife Sarah, Feb. 4, 1794)

Frana	March 27, 1820
Katherine	September 9, 1823
Sarah	May 15, 1826
Delia	May 1, 1828
Matthias	April 18, 1830
Valentine Esusly	May 9, 1834

JOHN SINK

(Son of Jacob)

Catherine Margaret	January 24, 1774
Maria Barbara	January 8, 1776
Jno.	February 8, 1778
Jacob	July 28, 1780
Jno. Michael	March 11, 1783
Christian	October 20, 1785

MICHAEL DAVID SINK (ZINK)

May 29th, 1783, my son John George was born, his godparents were his grandparents, George Myer and his wife Catharine Myers.

April 28th, 1785, my son, John Jacob was born, his godfather was his grandfather John Jacob Sink. August 29th, 1788, Michael was born, his godparents were Michael Myer and his wife Eva. Susanna was born November 17th, 1789, her godparents were Phillip Knoy and his wife.

(The above is a translation of the German entry in the original Church Book. All of the other family listing are similar to this.)

PHILIP SINK (Feb. 2, 1755-May 24, 1829)

(Son of Jacob, married Elizabeth Sprecher, sister of John Geo., Jr.)

Jno. Peter _____ May 6, 1785, (Died Feb. 6, 1865)
Jno. Jacob _____ April 6, 1788, (Died March 29, 1866)

HENRY SCHAFF, SR. (Shoaf)

Anna Maria _____ September 27, 1762

(Married Phillip Leonard)

Henry _____ November 25, 1764
Anna Eliz _____ November 24, 1767
Christian _____ July 28, 1770
Magdalena _____ March 29, 1773
Jacob _____ October 23, 1776
Susanna _____ April 4, 1778
George _____ November 25, 1781
Anna Christina _____ November 2, 1783
Catherine Barbara _____ February 16, 1786

JNO HENRY SCHAFF (Shoaf)

Jno. Jacob _____ August 29, 1783
George Henry _____ August 29, 1785
John _____ June 11, 1788

JNO PETER SPENGLER

(Son of Jno Peter Spengler)

Maria Catherine _____ June 19, 1777
Jno Jacob _____ October 27, 1778
Eva Eliz _____ December 28, 1783
Peter _____ January 28, 1787

GEORGE SPECKER

George _____ February 21, 1788

JOHN JACOB WAGONER

David _____ February 25, 1775
(Godparents—John Jacob Kiehn and wife Anna Catherine)

John _____ March 31, 1776
(Godparents—Peter Kiehn, Jr., and Sybilla)

Elizabeth _____ June 22, 1777
(Godparents—John Sink and Sybilla)

Magdalene _____ December 17, 1778
(Christian Leybegut and Magdalene)

Susanna _____ November 23, 1780
(Martyn Speydel and wife)

Jacob _____ October 30, 1782
(Godparents—Jacob Leonard and Elizabeth)

John George _____ October 30, 1784
(Godparents—John George Neufong and Susanna)

Anna Maria _____ December 20, 1786
(Godparents—My brother Daniel Wagoner and his wife, Elizabeth)

Drusilla _____ January 27, 1793

LUDOLPH YOUNTS

Peter _____ November 10, 1777
Anna Maria _____ November 5, 1779
Frederick _____ May 3, 1784
Magdalene _____ December 22, 1786

WM. YOUNTS (Janss)

(Son of Wm., Sr.)

Jno. Peter _____ October 30, 1776
Eva Elizabeth _____ March 7, 1782
Jno. Wm. _____ March 24, 1784
Phillip _____ April 9, 1786
Ludolph _____ January 13, 1788
Magdalene _____ January 10, 1790
Sarah _____ January 22, 1792
Lorenz _____ November 30, _____

The following is a list of names of those who were listed as Taufzaugen or God parents on the first Church Book. The names here are taken from a notebook of Rev. C. C. Wagoner and are in alphabetical order. On the Church Book they appear along with the name of the child for whom they were god parents.

TAUFZAUGEN (GOD PARENTS) AT PILGRIM REFORMED CHURCH, 1757-1800

Philip Bahs and wife
Jacob Berrier and Christena
Daniel Burkhard
Martin Berrier and Margaret
Christian Kneybed and wife
Jacob Clinard
John Burchard Cox and Susanna
Jno. Geo. Clodfelter and Elizabeth
Yost Clapp and Maria Julianna
Anna Maria Crotts
Adam Conrad and Christena
Magdalene Conrad
Henry Conrad and Eliz.
Jacob Crotts and Eva
Melichoir Dorr
Valentine Day and Eva
Henry Dorr and Anna Catherine
John Paul Dorner and Sophia
David Ettlemace, Anna Catherine
Peter Everhart and Dorothy
Jacob Fistler and Christena
Paul Fisher and Anna Magdalene
Martin Frank and wife
Wm. Frank and Barbara
Anna Margarer Gerner
Ottilla Gross
Geo. Gross and Anna Eliz.
Adam Greim
Jacob Greim and wife
Bastia Greim and wife
Maria Greim
Charles Greim
George Hege and Eliz.
Jno Henry Hege and wife Barbara Leonard
Jno Adam Hedrick and Barbara
Jacob Hamm and Barbara
Jno Jacob Hege, Anna Magdalene
Barbara Hege
Conrad Heckler
Valentine Herman
Barbara Hundsinger
Anna Maria Hege
Peter Kern and Eliz. (Karn)
Peter Kiehn, Jr., and Sybilla
Phillip Knoy and wife
Jno Koch and Maria Julianna
Jno Peter Kiehn, Anna Catherine
Catherine Knoy and Brenard Knoy
Jno. Knoy and Anna Catherine
Jno. Jacob Kiehn, Anna Catherine
Michael Leonard and Catherine
Phillip Leonard and Anna Maria
Peter Leonard, Anna Maria Long
Jacob Long and Eva
Thomas Long and Catherine
Valentine Leonard and Elizabeth
Jacob Leonard and Eliz.
Peter Leonard
Elizabeth Leonard
Christian Leybeguth, Magdalene
Old Jacob Lopp and wife
Jno Lukenbill and Ana Christena
David Myer and Cath—Margaret
Geor. Myer and Cath.
Michael Myer and Eva
Peter Myer and Anna Margaret
Catherine Myer
Jno. George Neufong and Susanna
Magdalene Serum
Andrew Schwartz, Anna Magdalene
Martin Speydel and wife
David Schmid and Susanna
Maria Barbara Shyerman
Geo. Sprecker and wife Anna Maria
John Sink and Sybylla
Christopher Sprecker and wife
Peter Smoth and Anna Mary
John Sower
Jno. Geo. Sprecker and Anna Cath.
Phillip Sink and Eliz.
Jno. Peter Spengler and Eva Eliz.
Jno. Geo. Sink and Susanna
Jno. Henry Schaff and Anna
Jno. Jacob Sink and Dorothy
Michael Werrile

Daniel Wagner and Eliz.
Joseph Wagner and Anna Cath.
Jacob Wahguer and wife
Stephen Weybel and Cath.
Ludolph Younts and Anna Cath.
Wm. Younts and wives Susanna and Magdalene
Jno Michael Zafenfeld and Marida
Christopher Zieger

Following the Rev James Martin, the Rev. Richard Dupert, who lived near Paysour's Mill in Gaston County, was the pastor of the Pilgrim congregation. Rev. Mr. Dupert was also a Swiss Reformed minister.

THE CEMETERY

It is probable that the cemetery at Pilgrim Church was begun even before the first permanent building was erected. According to the writings of Dr. J. C. Leonard, the oldest grave in the Pilgrim Cemetery was dated 1761. This marker is not in existence now. From the notebook of Rev. C. C. Wagoner we have the following notation: "In the N. W. corner of the Pilgrim graveyard was a soapstone slab which had the following, "John George Barrier, geboren den 13 October, 1708 und ist in dene herrn-ent schkafer den 13 November 1760. Hun heir ligt eine Haudvoll Aschen mit Christi Blut gewashen." This stone was in existance in 1870. This stone is not in existance now, either.

From the size of the cemetery, and the oldness of some of the existing stones, it is safe to say that this cemetery is as old as any in Davidson County.

THE FIRST LANDS AND BUILDING

The first church building was constructed of logs during the ministry of the Rev. Mr. Martin. It was built with a gallery at each end and on one side. The tall wineglass pulpit occupied the other side. This church stood on an elevated spot at the northeast corner of the graveyard. This church was built on lands claimed by Henry McCulloh, though a tract of fifty acres lying between the lands of Phillip Sauer and Valentine Leonard was laid off as church property. After North Carolina became a State, three elders of the congregation, Phillip Sauer, Peter Karn (Kiehn) and Martin Shiddles, legally entered the lands in the name of the congregation. The official grant was made on October 8, 1783, to the above-named persons, "Elders in trust for the Dutch Congregation." The first recorded name of the church is the "Dutch

Congregation" as given in this official paper. The first, and real name of the congregation, seems to have been, "The Church of the Pilgrims," or Pilgrims Church.

REV. SAMUEL SUTHER

The Rev. Samuel Suther followed the Rev. Mr. Dupert as pastor at Pilgrims Church. He is the "Dutch Minister" whom Governor Tryon states that he heard preach; probably in the "Coldwater Church" in Rowan County. Governor Tryon later appointed him as Chaplain for the Militia.

Rev. Mr. Suther lived in Rowan County and began to preach for the "Dutch congregation on Abbott's Creek" in about 1768, and continued until 1786. He had come to America from Switzerland where he was born on May 18, 1722. He left his homeland to come to America with his parents and a dozen or so brothers and sisters in 1739. On the last day of the voyage, which had been of four months duration through 13 severe storms, the worst storm of all was encountered. Samuel was taken ashore more dead than alive and cared for by an Englishman. He was the only member of his family to survive the voyage and the wreck. German teachers were much in demand, and he found employment as a teacher for some years in Virginia, Carolina, Georgia, Pennsylvania and Maryland. In 1749 he taught German school connected with the Reformed Church in Philadelphia. He was probably ordained in Philadelphia and then later made his way to North Carolina and to Rowan County where he resided. He was an ardent and fearless patriot, and for his strong feelings, was obnoxious to the Tories about the churches in which he preached.

PATRIOTS OF THE REVOLUTION

Valentine Leonard, his sons, and others of the Pilgrim Congregation followed their pastor as patriots. Valentine Leonard fought his last battle of the Revolution at Guilford Court House. He then returned home. Near the close of the war, November 2, 1781, a band of Tories came to his home and attempted to murder him. He sat by his hearthstone after dark with the upper portion of the door of his home open. His enemies crept up to the lower closed section of the door and shot him, leaving him for dead. He died of his wounds on the 13th of the month, at

the age of 63. At the same hour other Tories shot a neighbor, Woolrich Fritz, dead in his home. These two men were buried side by side in the Pilgrim Cemetery and a large mounment now stands there in their memory.

In 1786 Rev. Mr. Suther went to South Carolina and became pastor of several congregations in the "Fork," formerly served by Rev. Christian Theus.

As early as 1771 Brother Soelle, a Moravian minister, preached upon occasions at Pilgrim Church. Since the Moravians were located nearer to Pilgrim than were any of the resident Reformed pastors, they conducted many of the early funeral services.

Beulah Church

REV. JACOB SCHNEIDER—LUTHERAN ORGANIZATION

In 1787 the Rev. Jacob Schneider became pastor of the churches in Davidson County and others in the state, and preached for about five years. He was a very energetic worker. He organized Beck's Church, Sauer's (Beulah) Church, and Fredricktown (Bethany) Church. Nothing is known as to where this man came from or where he went to after serving this pastorate in Davidson County.

It was also about 1787, when the Rev. C. E. Bernhardt became the first Lutheran pastor east of the Yadkin River, that the Lutheran Congregation at Pilgrim became fully organized. Before this time the Lutherans had been served by the Rev. Adolph Nussman who came to North Carolina in 1773 and lived in Rowan County. From this time forward until 1903 the Lutheran Congregation played a definite part in the history of Pilgrim Church.

On December 1, 1792, a second tract of land containing eighty-six acres was granted to "John Lopp, George Hege, George Clodfelter and Valentine Day as trustees for the Dutch Congregation and their successors."

PILGRIM PASTORS PIONEERS IN WESTERN REFORMED CHURCH

Rev. Samuel Weyberg served as pastor of the churches of Davidson County and other counties from 1793-1798. Rev. Mr. Weyberg was the son of Dr. Weyberg, a Reformed pastor in Pa. He was prepared for the ministry by Rev. Fredrick L. Herman in Germantown, Pa., in 1790-1792. He was the first pastor sent to North Carolina by the Synod of Pennsylvania. He left North Carolina in 1798 and went to Missouri. It is said that he preached the first Protestant sermon west of the Mississippi River. He continued to labor in Missouri, Ohio and Indiana and was a pioneer in founding many of the churches in those states.

The first native North Carolinian to become pastor at Pilgrim Church was Jacob Christman, who was largely educated by the Moravians in Salem. He had grown up in the Reformed Church in Guilford County. He was proposed to the Synod of Pennsylvania for ordination in 1794, but was not ordained until 1798. He had studied under pastors in Pennsylvania during this time. Six congregations, including Pilgrim Church, petitioned Synod that he be sent back to North Carolina. Thus he served churches in the general area in which he had grown up for five years. He left North Carolina near the end of 1803 and began preaching January 29, 1804, at Springboro, Warren County, Ohio, where the first congregation in Ohio was organized a little later. Thus, the first Reformed minister in Ohio came from North Carolina.

1803 - 1812—SECOND CHURCH BUILDING

After the leaving of Weyberg and Christman, ministers were scarce in North Carolina. But in the going of these two pioneer preachers, Pilgrim Church had a share in the founding of the Reformed Church in Missouri and Ohio. With only fifty years of history behind her, Pilgrim had begun to go "into all the world" as our Lord commanded.

Rev. George Boger, another native North Carolinian, and the Rev. Andrew Loretz were left with the care of all of the churches in North Carolina from 1803-1812. Boger lived in Rowan County and Loretz in Lincoln County, near Daniels Church. As often as possible these men journeyed about the state, preaching, baptising, administering communion and caring for their scattered fellow Reformed.

Rev. Mr. Loretz died in 1812, leaving the care of all of the Reformed Churches in North Carolina and South Carolina to Rev. George Boger.

In 1807 the Reformed and Lutheran congregations felt the need for a larger and finer church building. The old log church had been used for around 50 years. It had served an excellent purpose but now gave way to a more modern building, which was erected a few feet away from the first building outside of the graveyard enclosure. The logs of the old building were sold to a gentleman who built a residence from them.

The second church was a frame building styled like the first. It was two stories high with a gallery at each end and the south-side. The pulpit was on the north side. In the northwest corner was a platform with banisters, where the elders and sometimes the deacons sat. This house of worship was used until 1882.

With the leaving of Rev. Jacob Christman, there was no resident pastor in Davidson County until 1827. So it was that these faithful church people availed themselves of the services of almost any minister who would come and preach for them. Rev. Boger and Rev. Loretz came as often as possible. They probably did not visit the churches more than once every three months. After the death of Rev. Loretz, the Synod of Pennsylvania sent missionaries to the south from time to time. Among these were Wm. Weinel, H. B. Dieffenbach, Jacob Scholl, John S. Ebaugh, George Leidy, John Rudy and others. The diary of

James Ross Reily does not mention any of the churches in Davidson County, even though Dr. J. C. Leonard and other historians state that he preached here.

RECORDS FROM THE MORAVIAN DIARY

During the period from 1808 to 1818, Moravian ministers preached in Pilgrim Church from time to time. The following is taken from "The Records of the Moravians in North Carolina," "The Salem Diary, 1808."

"Sept. 25. Sunday. The Brn. Seidel and Reichel, Jr., preached today by invitation in a German Lutheran and Reformed Church near Lexington, eighteen miles from here. The former spoke in German and the latter in English to an attentive audience of more than three hundred persons. This church was built a few years ago and was dedicated by the well-known Lutheran preacher, Hinkle, who served various Lutheran congregations in North Carolina for some years. Pastor Markel, a son-in-law of Pastor Hinkle, who now serves the congregation with Word and Sacrament along with a number of other congregations, last week announced the preaching of these two Brethern for today.

The Lutheran and Reformed members living here have a regular church organization. In the church they have four Aeltesten and four Vorsteher, half from the Lutherans and half from the Reformed. They keep good order and the singing is sweet and pleasant. They showed themselves very friendly and grateful to the two Brethern. After the service the officials had a conference, and unanimously asked the Brethern to come back from time to time and preach in both languages in their church. In the English preaching the Germans were careful to give the front seats to the English.

This is a fertile and fairly level district, and the German residents, some of whom settled here before Wachovia was begun, are for the most part in comfortable circumstances. God willing, we will try to send two Brethern from Salem each quarter-year to proclaim the Gospel here."

The Moravian Records record that preaching services were conducted by the Moravians in "Leonard's Church" on Feb. 12, August 6, and Oct. 15, in the year 1809. Only one preaching service, Sept. 23, is recorded for the year 1810, none for the year

1811 and only one, Sept. 27, in 1812. The entry in the Freidberg Diary for Sept. 27, 1812, reads as follows, "Br. Rude preached to an attentive audience in the Pilgrim's Church, twelve miles from Freidberg."

The Moravians record conducting funeral services at the Pilgrims Church in 1816, 1817, and 1818. In 1823 Rev. Christian Freidrich Denke, a Moravian who was pastor at Freidberg, records conducting four funerals in Pilgrim Church. The entry for May 19 is as follows: " I preached in German, and delivered a funeral address in English in the Pilgrim's Church. I also baptised a child in the home of a vorstecher of that church. This church is fourteen miles from Freidberg Church."

LUTHERANS SPLIT

In 1821 the Lutheran congregation at Pilgrim split. One group organized itself and became a part of the Tennessee Lutheran Synod, following their former pastor, Hinkel. The other group remain loyal to the North Carolina Lutheran Synod. Both congregations of Lutheran worshiped at Pilgrim along with the Reformed from this date until 1903. The Reformed maintained one-half interest with each of the Lutheran groups having one-fourth interest in the property and use of the property. A Union Sunday School continued with all three groups united as a Sunday School.

REV. WILLIAM HAUCK AND THE ORGANIZATION OF CLASSIS

In 1828 the Rev. William Hauck became the regular pastor of the Reformed Churches in Davidson County. So far as we know, with the possible exception of Rev. Jacob Schneider, Rev. Mr. Hauck was the first resident Reformed pastor in Davidson County. He was pastor of only the churches of Davidson County, which had not been the case before, either. He was the pastor of Beck's, Beulah, Bethany, Emanuel, and Pilgrim Churches.

Pilgrim Church was one of the 17 congregations represented in the organization of Classis in 1831. The Rev. William Hauck and Elder Col. Phillip Hedrick represented the churches of Davidson County. Rev. Mr. Hauck was elected the first president of Classis, which met in Brick Church in that year. Leonard's

Church (Pilgrim) was one of the first three churches to make contributions to the Classis. Leonard's Church contribution was $1.75.

The second meeting of the Classis of North Carolina was held at Pilgrim Church on June 9, 1832. Elder Jacob Leonard, represented the churches of Davidson County, and was from Pilgrim Church. Four sermons were preached and the Lord's Supper was observed on the Sunday of this meeting. Rev. J. G. Fritchey was elected president at this meeting. Classis met four additional times in Pilgrim Church. These were in the years 1836, 1859, 1883, and 1930. Various ministers of Pilgrim Church served as president of the Classis while they were pastors at Pilgrim.

The Rev. William Hauck remained pastor of the churches in Davidson County until 1832. In 1832 the Rev. W. C. Bennet, who had been pastor of six churches in South Carolina, became pastor of the churches of Davidson County. He continued as pastor until 1837, when he was dismissed by Classis to Zion's Classis in Pennsylvania.

BUILDING REPAIRED

In 1834 the church building, which had been contructed in 1807, became in need of repairs. Phillip Berrier, representing the Reformed, and Andrew Darr, representing the Lutherans, were elected commissioners to raise the necessary money and to superintend the repairs. The following is a copy of the Petition, dated December 25, 1834.

PETITION — DEC. 25, 1834

Whereas at a certain meeting of the members of Pilgrim Church held on the 25th day of December 1834 it became necessary that proper persons should be appointed to superintend the repairs of said house and Envirous and to raise by subscription a certain sum or sums of money that shall be sufficiently adequate to defray the present expense of repairing said dome etc. And also to make use of the lands adjoining and belonging to said Pilgrim Church—either by renting or leasing that the monies accurring from said rents or lease and all profits thereof may be held more effectually to be put to the use of any expense that may hereafter be necessary for repairs of said dome and envirous. And whereas Phillip Berrier and Andrew Darr being nominated and duly elected commissioners to superintend business for said Pilgrim Church, viz, Phillip Berrier on the part of the German Reformed and Andrew Darr on the part of the Lutherings deem it necessary forthwith to open subscriptions to raise money to defray the present expense accuring for the repairing said dome.

The undersigned promise to pay Phillip Berrier or Andrew Darr, commissioners to collect money and superintend the repairing Pilgrims Church such sums of money as shall annex to our names it being for value as above written, Witness thereof we set our hands and amount subscribed to be paid when called for.

Subscribers names		Subscribers names	
G. Tussey	$ .50	Peter Hedrick	.50
Joseph Waggoner	1.00	Geo. Lenard	.25
Peter Lenert	1.00	Adam Fritts	.50
Jacob Zink	1.00	Joseph Fritts	.25
Adam Hedrick	.50	John Hagy	.25
Katherine Waggoner	.50	Jacob Zink	.75
Jacob Hedrick	1.00	Chu Fowler	.25
Adam Link	.50	Solomon Yokely	.12½
Matthias Hagy	.25	John McCary	.12½
Jacob Lopp	.50	Valentine Leonard	.50
John Link	$ .50	Daul Leonard	.50
Geo. Fritts, Jr.	.50	Wm. McCary	1.00
Jacob Lopp	.50	Peter Leonard	.50
David Lenard	.25	Geo. Yuntt	2.25
Rubin Fritts	.50	David Lopp	1.00
Christian Burkhart	.12½		

(Taken from notes of Rev. C. C. Wagner)

In 1838, David Crooks was received as a licentiate from Zion's Classis to the North Carolina Classis, and was ordained in October of that year as pastor of the churches of Davidson County. Elder Jacob Leonard, Jr. was a member of the ordination committee. Rev. Mr. Crooks was pastor at Pilgrim until 1846, when he went to Lincoln County as the pastor of the Lincoln Charge. He died there, still a young man, in 1859.

THE FIRST MEMBERSHIP LIST

The first complete membership list of Pilgrims Church is dated September 3, 1843, and was probably entered into the first church book by Rev. Crooks. The following is the list, as recorded in the first church book. It contains a total of 46 members.

PILGRIMS CHURCH — SEPTEMBER the 3rd, 1843

LIST OF MEMBERS

Pastor — D. Crooks

Elders—Jacob Leonard, Phillip Barrier.
Deacons—Joseph Clodfelter, Henry Barrier, D. Leonard, John Hedrick.

Members

Jacob Leonard	5
Philip Barrier	2
David Leonard, son of Jacob	2
Christian Everhart	4
Henry Barrier	3
David Leonard, son of Peter	2
Charles Long	1
Alexander Fritts (removed)	2
Benjamin Younts (dead)	4
Nancy Mcray (dead)	1
Mahala Wilson (dead)	1
Widow Hedrick (dead)	3
Susan Loop	1
Mary Loop	1
Mary Brinkel (dead)	1
Charlet Sower (Emanuels)	1
Mary Frits (dead)	1
Malinda Waggoner (dead)	1
Susan Yokley	1
Mary Wolf	1
John Hedrick	2
Wiley Fritts (no member)	2
Betty Leonard (dead)	1
George Hedrick (dead)	2
Susan Everhart	1

Notes in parentheses are later notations on original records.

1846 - 1856

Rev. F. W. Plassman became pastor of Pilgrim Church in 1846, and remained until his death in 1848. Rev. Thornton Butler was ordained March 11, 1848, and at the death of Rev. Plassman he became pastor of Pilgrim Church and other churches in Davidson County. He only remained for three years, and was succeeded by the Rev. Wm. Sorber. The second membership list in the first church book was made in 1849 by the Rev. Mr. Butler and lists 44 members. One colored member is listed, Patty Ann Leonard. No officers are given on this list.

Rev. Mr. Sorber remained in Davidson County for 3 years. He had come to North Carolina from Pennsylvania, and returned to Pennsylvania as a pastor. He was a close friend of Jacob Berrier, Esquire, and there are in existance two letters that he wrote back to Mr. Berrier after he had gone to Pennsylvania.

Rev. Thornton Butler again became pastor of Pilgrim Church in 1856 for a brief time. During this time he conducted a school in the town of Lexington, and is described by The Dispatch as a splendid teacher.

REV. P. ALLISON LONG

The Rev. P. Allison Long, a native of Davidson County, was ordained December 14, 1858 by the Classis of North Carolina, and became pastor of the churches of Davidson County. He is spoken of highly in a letter to Jacob Berrier by Rev. Mr. Sorber. A Sunday School record book dated 1859, lists the following officers and teachers.

PILGRIM SUNDAY SCHOOL — 1859

NAMES OF OFFICERS

Jacob Berrier	Superintendent
David Leonard	Assistant Superintendent
Valentine Leonard	Secretary
Samuel S. Conrad	Librarian

MANAGERS	MALE TEACHERS	FEMALE TEACHERS
Soloman Clodfelter	Adam Hedrick	Susannah Leonard
Joseph Clodfelter	Jesse Leonard	Amanda Hedrick
John P. Hedrick	Henry J. Berrier	Eliza Berrier
Adam Sink	Andrew Darr	Mary A. Hedrick
William Sink	Adam R. Bowers	
Henry Berrier, Jr.		
Charles Long		

This Sunday School, of course, was a Union School, made up of Lutherans and Reformeds.

The third membership list of Pilgrim Reformed Church was made in 1861 while the Rev. P. Allison Long was pastor. The following is the list:

PILGRIM CHURCH, DAVIDSON COUNTY

Members of German Reform Church at Pilgrim 1861

Rev. P. Allison Long, Pastor

ELDERS

Jacob Berrier	David H. Leonard
Valentine Leonard	Henry Berrier, Sr.

DEACONS		
Joseph Clodfelter	Solomon Clodfelter	Wm. Knoy
Jesse Leonard	David C. Clodfelter	Sheppherd Green
Henry Berrier, Jr.	Michael Crotts	Henry J. Berrier
David Leonard	David A. Tussey	S. B. Lore
	Wm. A. Berrier	Charles Long

FEMALE

Eliz Leonard
Eliza Tussey
Eliz. Leonard
Charity Clodfelter
Rachel Headrick
Chrissy Berrier
Eliza Conrad
Susannah Leonard
Emma Clodfelter
Susannah Leonard, Sr.

FEMALE

Caroline R. Leonard
Elve C. Clodfelter
Persuna J. Headrick
Henrietta C. Brower
Mary Ann Knoy
Polly Sullivan
Sarah Crotts
Melinda Crotts
Amanda Crotts

(From the Notebook of Rev. C. C. Wagner)

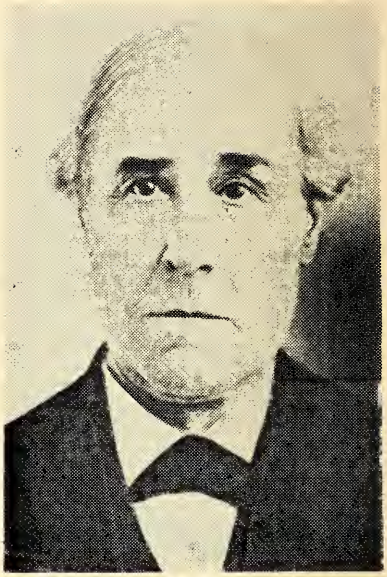
THE OLD PILGRIM SCHOOLHOUSE

Many of the older churches in North Carolina had schools, either in the church building or in a separate building on the church grounds. Just how far back the Pilgrim School went is unknown. It is known that a log school building stood for more than thirty years on the Pilgrim Church property on a spot below the present church building and above the cemetery. This building was erected during the Civil War. Mr. Adam Hedrick, upon his return from the war, was for many years schoolmaster in this building. His daughter, Mrs. Ida Hedrick Conrad, Mr. Jasper Miller, and the late Mr. Andrew Essick have told about attending this school. It was a one room building with a large window on one side with a long writing table under the window. The building was torn down and sold to a man who built a house with the materials some years after the Pilgrim Academy was begun.

REV. THOMAS LONG

The Rev. P. Allison Long left Pilgrim in 1862 and the Rev. Thomas Long became the pastor. Thomas Long was a brother of P. Allison Long. He was a charter member of Hebron Church, an Elder when the first building was built at Hebron, and afterwards became the pastor of Hebron along with the other churches of Davidson County. He had been born in Davidson County, November 18, 1818, near Bethany Reformed Church. He was educated in the community schools but had no formal education beyond that. He diligently studied the Bible and labored faithfully in his church. During the Civil War there was a scarcity of Re-

G. Dickey Gurley
Assistant Pastor 1885 - 1886



Rev. Thomas Long, 1862 - 1887

formed ministers in North Carolina. So it was that he left the farm, and was licensed on the 3rd of May, 1863, by the Classis of North Carolina. The Reformed Churches of Davidson County were divided into two charges, the Upper Davidson Charge and the Lower Davidson Charge. Thomas Long became the pastor of the Upper Davidson Charge. Here he served for 25 years, which is the longest pastorate recorded for Pilgrim Church. He retired from the ministry in 1887 and lived in Salem, North Carolina until his death in 1898.

Rev. Thomas Long served Beulah, Hebron, Bethany, and Pilgrim, and later organized the Mt. Tabor congregation. A membership list of Pilgrim Church in the Old Church Book, dated 1878, with Thomas Long, Pastor, lists 67 members; 35 males and 32 females. Rev. Long was succeeded in the Upper Davidson Charge by a man that he had been the only pastor to, the Rev. J. C. Leonard. During the year before Rev. Long's retirement, he was assisted in the work of the Upper Davidson Charge by the Rev. G. Dickey Gurley.

A third grant of land was made to Pilgrim Church in 1869. It was made by the State of North Carolina on November 24, to Henry Darr, William Sink and Jesse Leonard, Trustees of Pilgrim Church. The plot surveyed by P. E. Zink, County Surveyor, calls for twenty-seven acres of land. There seems to have been some doubt about the second patent in 1792 covering this land, and to make certain that this was church land, the trustees secured a patent signed by Governor W. W. Holden.

THE THIRD CHURCH BUILDING

A new church building was erected in 1882, a bit up the hill above the cemetery and above the second building. This building, which is the present building being used by the Pilgrim Reformed congregation, was made of frame as was the building before it.

This building was built jointly by the two Lutheran congregations and the Reformed Congregation. It was dedicated in December, 1882 by the three pastors, The Rev. Thomas Long, Rev. C. H. Bernheim, and Rev. W. A. Julian. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Jacob C. Clapp, D.D., president of Catawba College. The material of which the church was contructed was taken almost entirely from the church lands.

Mt. Tabor Church

MT. TABOR CHURCH

Mt. Tabor Church was established by Rev. Thomas Long in the year 1883. Several members of Pilgrim Church lived in this community, loyal and faithful in attendance, though living from three to six miles from their church. Out of consideration for these members the minister conducted occasional services for them in their homes, especially in the home of Mrs. Sallie Crotts, the oldest member among these people. Then the men and boys of the community got together and built a brush arbor, with a shelter of lumber at one end of the tent-like structure. The house of worship was built across the highway and was ready for occupancy in 1883. The charter members were from Pilgrim congregation. Mt. Tabor was connected with the Upper Davidson Charge until 1894 when it was connected with the Lower Davidson Charge.

The Rev. J. C. Leonard, who had grown up in the Pilgrim Congregation, and who was a descendant of the pioneer Valentine Leonard, became pastor of the congregation in 1889. The Rev. J. H. Shuford had supplied Pilgrim for about a year following the retirement of Rev. Thomas Long.

In 1896 new pulpit furniture was installed and paneled wainscoating was put on the walls. The entire building was painted anew inside and out. The foreman on this job was J. Edmund Conrad, a young man who was a member of the congregation.

PARSONAGE BUILT

The Rev. Thomas Long had been a farmer before becoming a minister, and continued to live on the farm as he pastored the Upper Davidson Charge. In 1888 a parsonage was built for the Charge on U. S. Highway 29 a short distance from Pilgrim Church. The Rev. J. C. Leonard moved into this new home. Sheriff A. T. Delap and his family lived with Rev. Mr. Leonard, who was a bachelor at the time. Boys attending the Pilgrim Academy boarded in the pastor's home also. It was used as the parsonage for the charge until the new parsonage was built at Beulah Church in about 1936, during the pastorate of Rev. J. L. Levens. The Pilgrim congregation bought the interests of the other two churches at that time. In 1945, the old parsonage was sold along with the Pilgrim Academy Building. The old par-

Pilgrim Parsonage 1888 - 1936
On Porch, A. T. Delap and J. C. Leonard

sonage is owned and occupied by the Howard Mize family, members of Pilgrim congregation.

THE UPPER DAVIDSON CHARGE

From "The Acts and Proceedings of the Synod of the Potomac" for the year 1895, we gain the following information. There were five congregations in the Upper Davidson Charge: Pilgrim, Beulah, Bethany, Hebron and Calvary Churches.

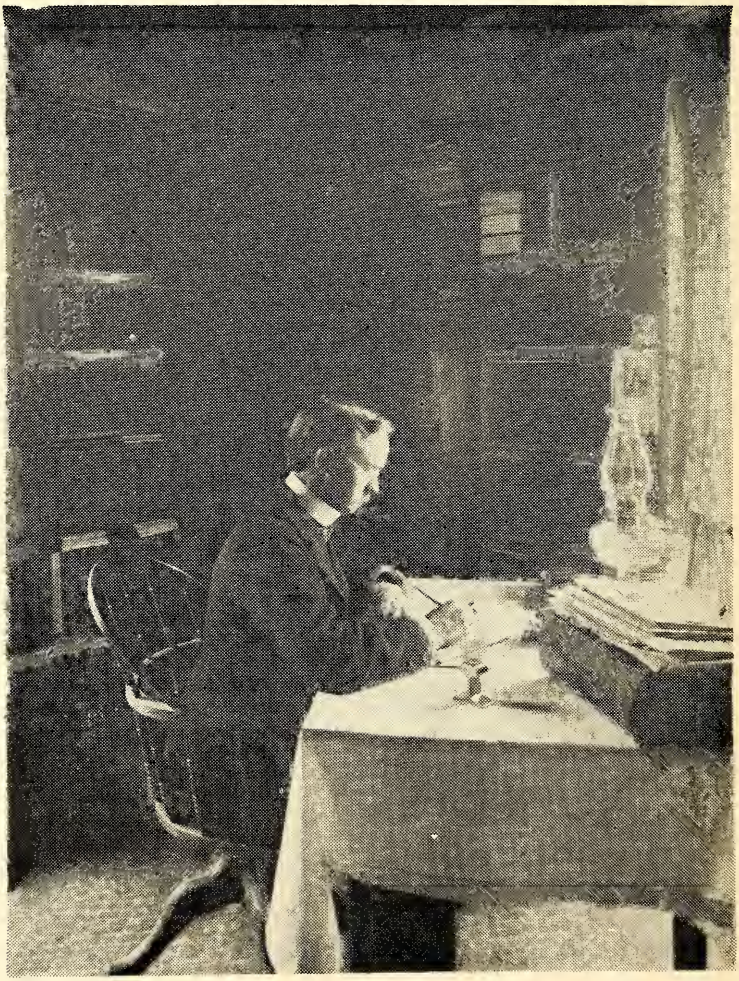
The following figures were listed:

5 congregations
455 members, 152 unconfirmed members
343 communed once during the year
5 Sunday Schools
341 teachers and members of the Sunday School
$117 given for Benevolent Purposes
$529 given for congregation purposes

The Rev. Mr. Leonard was also supplying the Thomasville Mission which had 18 members that year.

THE REV. JACOB CALVIN LEONARD, D. D.

The Rev. Mr. J. C. Leonard was pastor of Pilgrim Church from 1889 to 1897. The following is taken from the Introduction of the HISTORY OF THE SOUTHERN SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH, of which Dr. Leonard was editor. This introduction was written by Dr. J. D. Andrew.



Rev. J. C. Leonard In His Study at Pilgrim

Jacob Calvin Leonard was born February 13, 1867, youngest son of Valentine and Rebecca Cox Leonard. His direct ancestors, in America were: Valentine Leonard, 1824-1894; Jacob Leonard, Jr., 1789-1845; Jacob Leonard, Sr., 1758-1835, Valentine Leonard, 1718-1781. They were the descendants of Martin and Anna Spohn Leonard, of the Palatinate in Germany.

Rev. Mr. Leonard received the rudiments of education in the public school at Pilgrim and the Lexington Academy. In Jan. 1884, he went to Newton to finish high school and to attend Catawba College. He graduated in May, 1889, the valedictorian of the class. He studied theology under Drs. J. A. Foil, P. M. Trexler, and J. L. Murphy. He later took post-graduate studies at the Ursinus School of Theology in Pennsylvania. He held the following degrees: A.B.; B.D.; A.M.; and D.D. He was licensed to preach the Gospel May 4, 1889, and ordained to the Gospel ministry October 10, 1889. He became Field Secretary for Catawba College for one year following his pastorate in the Upper Davidson Charge. He was professor of English and History at Catawba College from 1899-1900. He was pastor of the Lexington and High Point Missions from 1900-1903, and at First Church, Lexington until 1939.

He organized the following congregations and built churches: Calvary, near Thomasville, November 30, 1891; Heidelberg in Thomasville, June 17, 1894; First Lexington, January 20, 1901; First High Point, March 24, 1901; Second Lexington, June 5, 1904. Member of the committee that organized First, Salisbury, June 28, 1896; also, on the committee that organized First Greensboro, March 1, 1903. Chaplain National Orphans Home, Jr. O. U. A. M., 1930-1937; organized Junior Home Church, October 12, 1930, and its pastor seven years. He attended every annual meeting of the Classis of North Carolina in his ministerial life of fifty years, and was Stated Clerk of the Classis from 1892 to 1940, a period of forty-eight years.

In 1920 he was elected a member of General Synod's Board of Home Missions and served 1920-1932. He was for forty-two years a trustee of Catawba College; and for six years a trustee of Claremont College. He was for twelve years a member of Lexington School Board and for the Colored High School.

He was president of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States 1923-1926, and member of the joint

The Five Leonard Brothers—Seated, Willie, G. Ed, and P. James Standing, J. Thomas, and J. C.

Commission on Church Union from 1926 until his death and one of its secretaries through the whole period. On January 29, 1902, he was married to Miss Willie Cress of Concord. In this family is one son, Dr. Jacob C. Leonard, Jr., specialist in eye, ear, nose and throat practice.

Statistics on the ministerial life of this devoted servant of God follows:

Infant baptism 560; adult baptism 1,025; received into the church: by transfer 551, confirmation 514, renewal of faith 279; funerals 1,035; marriages 398; sermons 6,852 plus an undetermined number of lectures and addresses. His retirement left the First Church with 733 names on its active roll, and with 695 pupils enrolled in its Sunday School.

The funeral for Dr. Jacob Calvin Leonard who died March 15, 1943 was conducted from First Church, Lexington, on Tuesday afternoon, March 16. The service was conducted by Rev. Banks J. Peeler, Dr. James D. Andrew and Dr. W. W. Rowe.

Pilgrim Academy Building and School

Left to Right, Front Row, Paul Leonard, Bob Sink, Early Everhart, Hugh Leonard, Baxter Everhart. Second Row—Bill Conrad, Odell Sink, Ira Everhart, J. O. Byerly, Bob Glenn Clodfelter, Marvin Conrad, Charles Kepley, and Joe R. Leonard. Third Row—Bob Kepley, Joe Byerly, Raymond Leonard, Edna Everhart, Ellen Leonard, Alma Clodfelter, Blanche Clodfelter, Nona Leonard, Edmund Sink, Flotilla Everhart and Willie Leonard. Fourth Row—Professor Feazer, Beulah Leonard Conrad, Beulah Conrad Brinkley, Lloyd Clodfelter, John Green, Kohler Everhart, Buna Leonard, Hazel Clodfelter, Harvey Helmstettler, Myrtle Sink, Foil Essick and Stella Byerly Biesicker. Fifth Row—Ralph Darr, Reba Sink, Bessie Sink, Fairy Everhart, Hollis Helmstettler, Joe Sink, Bertha Leonard, Elwood Everhart, Lola Everhart and Ila Sink.

PILGRIM ACADEMY

(From the CENTENNIAL HISTORY OF DAVIDSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA by Jacob C. Leonard.)

"Before the State high schools were established in Davidson County private academies were necessary in the life of young people who desired to prepare for college. Public spirited citizens organized schools of high school grade and erected suitable buildings in which to conduct them.

Pilgrim Academy, four miles north of Lexington on the Central Highway, was founded in 1890. Rev. J. C. Leonard, then the young pastor of Pilgrim Reformed Church led the people in this worthy enterprise. The building and the grounds were the property of the Reformed congregation. In addition to Rev. Mr. Leonard, other teachers were Prof. R. H. Herman and Prof. Jesse B. Leonard. The public district school, which had been located just in front of the Pilgrim Church, was conducted in connection with the academy. And when the need for high school work in the academy ceased with the coming of the State schools, the congregation continued to donate the building to the county for the "free" school free of charge.

Among the numerous pupils trained in this academy may be mentioned Rev. William H. Causey, Rev. Joshua L. Bowers, Rev. David E. Bowers, Dr. Martin A. Bowers, Rev. Edward P. Conrad and Dr. Hill Yokley.

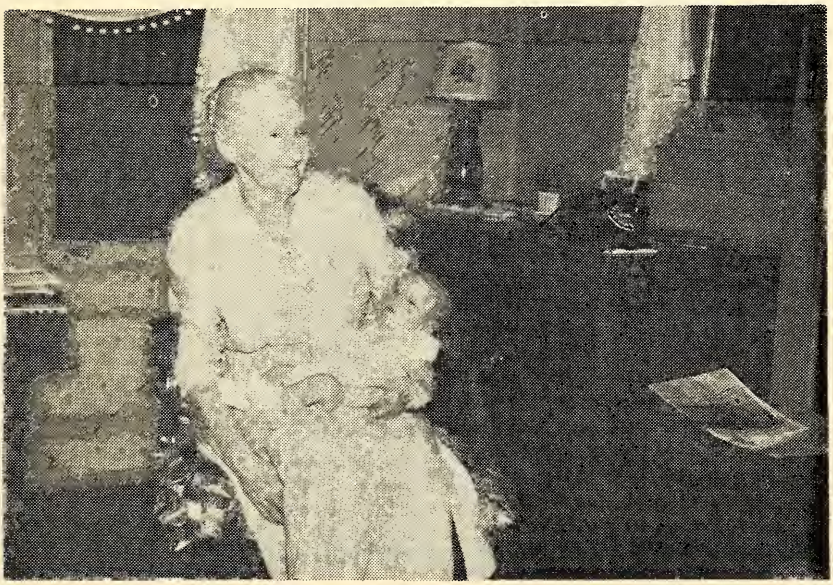
In 1929 the church gave the use of the Pilgrim Academy building, free of charge, to the Kiwanis Club of Lexington for a "Kiddy Camp". The Kiddie Camp continued in this building up until it was sold in about 1945. It is privately owned now. The old parsonage was sold at the same time.

THE TURN OF THE CENTURY

Rev. Harvey A. M. Holshouser followed Rev. J. C. Leonard as pastor of Upper Davidson Charge. Rev. and Mrs. Holshouser are remembered fondly by many of the present members of Pilgrim Church for the fine work that they did from 1897-1903. Several of the present members of Pilgrim congregation were instructed in the Reformed doctrine before they joined the church in a "Catechical Class" which Rev. Holshouser conducted on Saturday afternoons. He used the Heidelberg Catechism as the basis of his instructions.

THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA

Sixteen women from about ten different churches gathered at the Annual Meeting of the Classis of North Carolina on May 6th, 1897 in Mt. Hope Church, Guilford County. Miss Ida Hedrick represented Pilgrim Church at this meeting at which the first women's organization for the Classis of North Carolina was organized. Miss Ida Hedrick was nominated and elected as the first president of the Woman's Missionary Society of the North Carolina Classis. Miss Hedrick was enthusiastic for Foreign Missions. She served as president for six years, 1897-1903, when she resigned because of the fact that as a teacher it was difficult for her to attend the meetings of the Society so early in the spring. In 1915 she was again elected president and served until 1921. Thus it was that Pilgrim Church, through Mrs. Ida Hedrick Conrad, played an important part in the first organization of the women of the Reformed Church in North Carolina.



Pilgrim's Oldest and Youngest. Mrs. Ida Conrad, 90, and Brian Clark, 5 Weeks.

LADIES AID AND MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF PILGRIM CHURCH

The Ladies Aid and Missionary Society of Pilgrim Church was organized in June, 1897, with Mrs. Ida Hedrick Conrad as

Pilgrim Members More Than 75 Years of Age—Mrs. Ida Everhart, Mrs. D. L. Everhart, Mr. Jasper Miller, Mrs. Albert Jarrett, Mrs. Winnie Leonard, Mrs. Julius C. Leonard, Mrs. C. C. Leonard.

the first president. This was changed to the Woman's Missionary Society in 1916.

At the second meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the North Carolina Classis, Miss Ida Hedrick, Mrs. H. A. M. Holshouser, and Miss Winnie Conrad represented Pilgrim Church. The Minutes of Classis for 1900 lists 14 members in the Pilgrim Society with 9 honorary members with a contribution of $13.04 to the Classical Society. Miss Ida Hedrick was the president that year, also.

The Ladies Aid and Missionary Society sponsored the organization of a young people's group known as the "Mission Band". This group was organized in about 1898 with Miss Hallie Hedrick as the first president. This group only lasted a few years.

The Ladies Aid and Missionary Society became the Women's Guild after the Merger of the Evangelical Synod of North America and the Reformed Church in the United States of America.

NEGROES IN THE HISTORY OF PILGRIM CHURCH

Although slaves were never as numerous in this section of North Carolina as the coastal areas, there were still quite a few of the members of Pilgrim Lutheran and Reformed congregations who owned slaves. The first and second church buildings at Pilgrim had galleries that the slaves might worship in the same church as their masters. The roll of members of Pilgrim Church in 1849 lists Patty Ann Leonard as a member of the Reformed Congregation and includes a notation stating that she was "colored".

There was set aside a cemetery plot on the church lands for the burying of slaves, and still occasionally a Negro who grew up in the Pilgrim community is buried there.

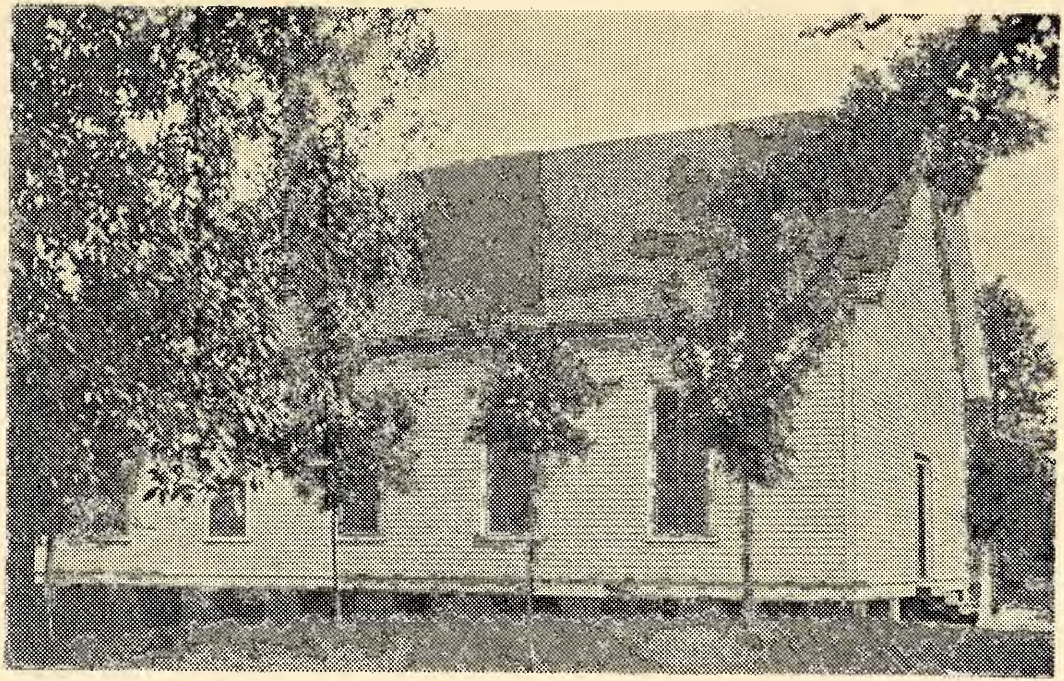
Mary Yokley, and several of her family, who lived in a house that stood across from Pilgrim Church at that time, attended Pilgrim Church following the War between the States. When the third and present building was erected in 1882, a balcony was included that the colored might continue to worship at Pilgrim.

Mollie Yokley who grew up in the Pilgrim Community was brought back and her funeral was conducted in Pilgrim Church since 1910. Several of the present members of Pilgrim Church attended this service. It was the tradition at that time at Negro funerals for the men to wear their hats, and this was done at this service.

PILGRIM CHURCH BAND

As early as 1888 a Church band was in existance at Pilgrim Church. This band played on special occasions in Pilgrim Church and also in the community. For several years it played at the Masonic Picnic in Mocksville, North Carolina. For the first few years it was an all male band, but later women were taken in. The band pictured included in this book was taken around 1895. Those in the picture are, Front Row (left to right) W. E. Conrad, W. V. Leonard, P. J. Leonard, J. A. Darr, J. Lohr; Second Row: G. E. Leonard, J. E. Conrad, W. L. Leonard, M. L. Darr, J. T. Leonard. Some of the others who played in the band, at a different time than this, were H. J. Conrad, Mrs. J. T. Leonard, Mrs. Winnie Leonard. Mrs. Winnie Leonard is the only living member of Pilgrim Church now who played in that band.

Pilgrim Cornet Band, About 1890



Pilgrim Church, About 1900

THE UPPER DAVIDSON CHARGE

In 1900 the Upper Davidson Charge was composed of 4 churches with 473 members. There were 440 scholars in Sunday School, and $827 was given for Benevolent and Congregational purposes.

LUTHERANS AND REFORMED DIVIDE

From the "Centennial History of Davidson County," page 384.

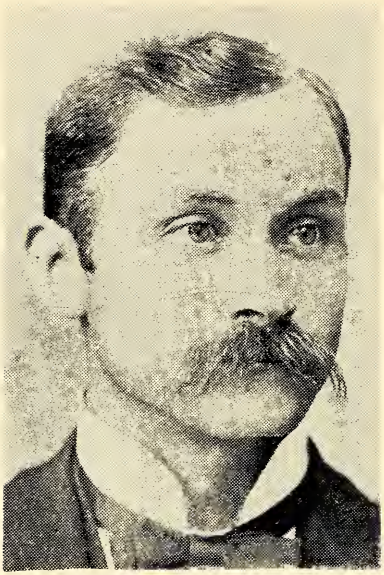
"In 1903 a discussion arose between the Reformed and Lutherans about the title to property which both had occupied for so many years. The claim of the Reformed was that originally the property belonged to them alone. Finally, however, an agreement was reached whereby the Reformed congregation was recognized as entitled to a half interest in the property and the two Lutheran congregations to a half interest. It was further agreed that the property should be sold at auction. The two Lutheran congregations agreed before the sale that they would bid as one and that each should be entitled to half of their part of the property or money as the case might be." The sale resulted

Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 1957

J. C. Leonard, 1889 - 1897

in the Reformed congregation buying the property and church building. It is said that Mr. Andrew P. Long, a bachelor farmer and life long member of Pilgrim Reformed Church, put up the money for the purchase. Mr. Long stated that his father had hitched his horse to a tree in the church yard all of his life, and that he, (Andrew Long) intended, if possible, to continue to hitch his horse to that same tree.

PILGRIM PASTORS



H. A. M. Holshouser, 1897 - 1903

W. H. Causey, 1903 - 1907

W. H. McNairy, 1910 - 1911

The two Lutheran congregations united under the name "Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of the Synod of North Carolina", and bought a site half a mile from the old church and built a beautiful house of worship at the cost of about three thousand dollars. This house was ready for occupancy, except for the pews, when on October 9, 1903 it was burned. The building was a complete loss, and was not insured. The members immediately rallied and built a second house at the cost of $3,500. On December 19, 1943, this house was destroyed by fire. The present house of worship for the Pilgrim Lutheran Congregation was erected during 1944 at the cost of about thirty-six thousand dollars. The parsonage was built and dedicated in 1954.

1903-1918

The Rev. William H. Causey accepted a call to the Upper Davidson Charge as his first pastoral charge in 1903 and was pastor until 1907. Since the Pilgrim Sunday School had been a Union Sunday School, it was at this time that the Pilgrim Reformed Sunday School was organized.

The Rev. William H. McNairy succeeded the Rev. Mr. Causey as pastor of the Upper Davidson Charge. At this time Hebron Church became a part of the Waughtown Charge, leaving Bethany, Beulah and Pilgrim in the Upper Davidson Charge. During the interim between the pastorates of Rev. Mr. Causey and Rev. Mr. McNairy, the charge was supplied by the Rev. William A. Long for one summer and Student John A. Ditsler for a summer. Rev. Mr. Long was a son of the Pilgrim congregation who served most of his ministerial life in the North, with the exception of a period when he was pastor of Grace Church, Newton, and a teacher at Catawba College. He was a brother of Andrew P. Long and Rev. Henry Long, another minister son of the Pilgrim Congregation who served his entire ministry in the North. Mr. Ditsler is still remembered in the Pilgrim community for his active interest in the young people and children. He often took some of the children of the congregation riding with him as he made calls about the community.

Rev. Jacob A. Palmer was licensed May 1, 1913, and ordained June 1, 1913. He came to the Upper Davidson Charge as his first pastorate. He remained pastor until 1918 when he became pastor of Heidelberg Church, Thomasville, where he

served until his retirement in 1955. The following notes are taken from the Minutes of Classis. Andrew P. Long was superintendent of the Pilgrim Sunday School in 1913. A Christian Endeavor was active at Pilgrim in 1917 with Miss Buna Leonard as secretary. Fourteen members were reported to the Classis.

First Church, Lexington, N. C.

FIRST EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH, LEXINGTON

In 1901 the Rev. J. C. Leonard returned to Davidson County and Lexington and organized the First Reformed Church there. The congregation was organized on January 20, 1901 with 22 members. Of these 22 members, more than a dozen were from the Pilgrim Congregation. Some of the charter members of First Church who were from Pilgrim were: C. Columbus Burkhart, Mrs. C. C. Burkhart, Charles H. Burkhart, Mrs. C. H. Burkhart, Charles L. Everhart, P. James Leonard, Mrs. P. J. Leonard, Edwin A. Rothrock, Mrs. E. A. Rothrock, Ada E. Rothrock, Mrs. Samuel Rothrock, and Mrs. Joseph A. Sowers. P. J. Leonard, C. C. Burkhart, and E. A. Rothrock were elected as the first Elders of the First Reformed Church.

THE PASTORATE OF JAMES D. ANDREW

The Standard, March 18, 1918, states as follows: "We understand that a call has been extended to Rev. J. D. Andrew from the Upper Davidson Charge and that he has decided to accept the same. The Upper Davidson people may consider themselves fortunate in securing Bro. Andrew as he is one of our most excellent pastors."

The Rev. James D. Andrew, D. D., was born September 27, 1864 and died January 3, 1949. He was pastor of the Guilford Charge from 1893-1898, the Burlington Charge, 1898 to 1913, and then served as president of Catawba College from 1913 to 1918. He had organized the First Evangelical and Reformed Church in Burlington. He had given outstanding leadership to many young people of Catawba College. As the Standard quoted, he was an outstanding minister.

His ministry at Pilgrim Church was also outstanding. He received 98 new members during his pastorate. He was a faithful visitor, seeing his members as often as possible. In 1919 the Christian Endeavor, of which Miss Ella Leonard was president, reported a membership of 27.

From the Woman's Column of the Standard, we have the following: Our Society at Pilgrim tried the "Campaign", but owing to the flu and other causes it was not made just as recommended. However, at the close of our Thank Offering Service at which time our boxes, together with an open collection, made up more than $82.00, glad, we called our Campaign Committee and enrolled ten new members."

The author has in his study at the present time the record book of Rev. J. D. Andrew. The following is a list of the members of Pilgrim Church for 1918 that is taken from that book.

PILGRIM REFORMED CHURCH
MEMBERSHIP ROLL 1918
From—J. D. Andrew's Record Book

1—Mrs. J. D. Andrew
2—Byron T. Andrew
3—Mary A. Andrew
4—Lucile H. Andrew
5—James D. Andrew, Jr.
6—John M. Andrew
7—Robert M. Andrew
8—Hill Beck
9—Mrs. Hill Beck
10—Elizabeth Byerly
11—Junius Byerly
12—Robert L. Byerly
13—Luella Byerly
14—Elmer Byerly

15—Joe Byerly
16—Stella Byerly
17—Jacob Byerly
18—Julia Byerly
19—Bernice Ball
20—Elizabeth Clodfelter
21—Daisy Clodfelter
22—Robert M. Clodfelter
23—Grace Clodfelter
24—Henry Clodfelter
25—Nora Clodfelter
26—Hazel Clodfelter
27—Lloyd Clodfelter
28—Wm. L. Codfelter
29—Lorena Clodfelter
30—Walter Clodfelter
31—Minnie Clodfelter
32—S. Frank Clodfelter
33—Robert Glenn Clodfelter
34—Blanche Clodfelter
35—Alma Clodfelter
36—Lena Clodfelter
37—Russell Clodfelter
38—Kermet Clodfelter
39—L. L. Conrad
40—Ida E. Conrad
41—H. J. Conrad
42—Martha Conrad
43—Crawford Conrad
44—Wm. E. Conrad
45—Sallie W. Conrad
46—Emma Conrad
47—Beulah Conrad
48—Mollie Conrad
49—Willie Conrad
50—Jas. C. Craver
51—Mary A. Craver
52—Bertha Craver
53—Wm. H. Cross
54—Belle Cross
55—A. L. Essick
56—Florence Essick
57—Foil Essick
58—Emmanuel Essick
59—Bettie Essick
60—Amanda Hedrick
61—J. D. Essick
62—Nora Belle Essick
63—W. A. Essick
64—Valda Essick
65—Joe Everhart
66—Sallie Everhart
67—Grant Everhart
68—Oscar Everhart
69—Willie B. Everhart
70—Sula Everhart
71—Mamie Everhart
72—Margaret Everhart
73—Ethel Everhart
74—Ada Everhart
75—Charlie Everhart
76—Lina Everhart
77—Lee Roy Everhart
78—Zeb B. Everhart
79—Mattie Everhart
80—Harper Everhart
81—C. L. Everhart
82—Sula May Everhart
83—Harvey Lee Everhart
84—David L. Everhart
85—Maggie M. Everhart
86—Tempie Everhart
87—Ruth L. Everhart
88—Thomas Everhart
89—Gracie Everhart
90—Lula Everhart
91—Ida E. Everhart
92—Crawford Everhart
93—Farie Everhart
94—Elwood Everhart
95—Baxter Everhart
96—Carrie Edna Everhart
97—Ira Everhart
98—Silas Everhart
99—Robert Everhart
100—Lola Everhart
101—Earlie Everhart
102—Kohler Everhart
103—Walter Lee Everhart
104—Flotilla Everhart
105—John H. Fritts
106—Robert L. Fritts
107—Wm. M. Fritts
108—Fanny Fritts
109—Noah Floyd
110—Ben F. Green
111—Bernice Greene
112—Robert L. Green
113—Mary Emiline Green
114—Harvey C. Green
115—Emily Green
116—John Green
117—M. E. Grimes
118—Frank Hepler
119—Catherine Hepler
120—Lindsay Hepler

121—Jesse Hepler
122—Mattie Hepler
123—Susan Hepler
124—Glenn Hamill
125—Katie Hamill
126—Elva Hartley
127—Addie Hehnstetler
128—Esther Hehnstetler
129—Ray Hehnstetler
130—M. Ida Hedrick
131—Hallie Ree Hedrick
132—Vonnie Everhart
133—Lula Kinny
134—J. Hence Kepley
135—W. Clinton Leonard
136—Mary M. Leonard
137—Ella Leonard
138—Lizzie Leonard
139—Bertha Leonard
140—Paul Leonard
141—J. Shelly Leonard
142—Marie Leonard
143—Joe H. Leonard
144—Carl S. Leonard
145—R. E. Leonard
146—Addie Leonard
147—J. Thos. Leonard
148—Ellen H. Leonard
149—Lena Leonard
150—Vaughan Leonard
151—W. Lacy Leonard
152—Nannie Leonard
153—C. J. Leonard
154—Florence Leonard
155—C. C. Leonard
156—Nannie M. Leonard
157—Joe Hugh Leonard
158—George Ed Leonard
159—Winnie C. Leonard
160—Buna Leonard
161—Jessie Leonard
162—Artie Lee Leonard
163—Mary Jane Leonard
164—Mary Janet Leonard
165—Walter J. Leonard
166—Lucy L. Leonard
167—Ellen E. Leonard
168—Pearl Leonard
169—Geneva Leonard
170—Julius Leonard
171—Dora Leonard
172—Numa Leonard
173—S. Avery Leonard
174—Nona Leonard
175—Joe R. Leonard
176—Raymond Leonard
177—Corrinna Lanier
178—A. P. Long
179—Katherine Long
180—Susan Long
181—Artie Frazier
182—J. L. Miller
183—Ida Miller
184—Howard Miller
185—Willie Miller
186—Mary Miller
187—R. Frank Myers
188—Dela Myers
189—Arther Lambeth
190—Ida Lambeth
191—Walter Medlin
192—Henry Medlin
193—Novie Perryman
194—Lois Ripple
195—Eli Sink
196—Samuel A. Sink
197—Belle A. Sink
198—Elsie Sink
199—Walter T. Sink
200—Elizabeth J. Sink
201—Roscoe Sink
202—Mrs. Fallie Sink
203—Staley Manie Sink
204—Sam J. Sink
205—Sallie L. Sink
206—Ava Sink
207—Edmond Sink
208—John R. Sink
209—Sadie Sink
210—Fred C. Sink
211—Myrtis Sink
212—Irwin L. Sink
213—Vergie Sink
214—Lillie Turner
215—J. W. Tussey
216—Jessie Tussey
217—Martha Tussey
218—Dewey Tussey
219—Ollie Tussey
220—Ray Tussey
221—Sula Tussey
222—John W. Wagner
223—R. Julian Wagner
224—S. T. Elizabeth Wagner
225—D. F. Wagner
226—Bettie Wagner

227—Susan Wagner
228—Mittie Wagner
229—W. E. D. Wagner
230—Julia Wagner
231—David E. Wagner
232—Ray Wagner
233—M. Ed Whitlow
234—Sallie Whitlow
235—Flavius Whitlow
236—Robert Hoy Whitlow
237—Julia Varner
238—John Yokley
239—Winnie Yokley
240—Blande Yokley
241—Luther Yokley
242—Edith Yokley
243—Raymond Clodfelter
244—Hollis Hehnstetler

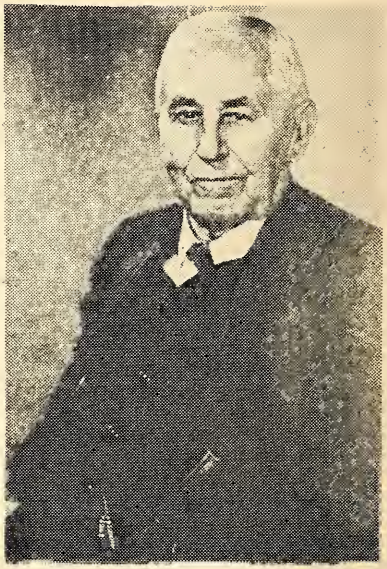
PILGRIM REFORMED CHURCH

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED DURING PASTORATE OF DR. J. D. ANDREW

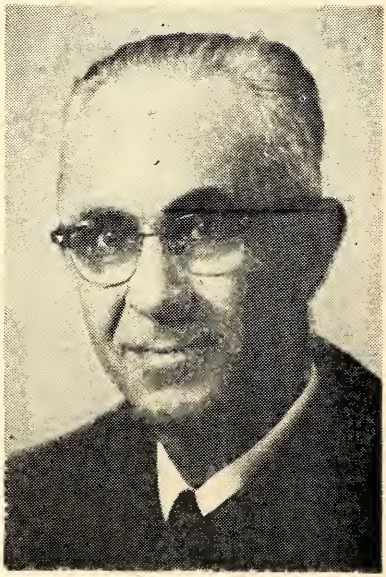
1919
Willie Vestal Leonard
Floyd Walser
Sula Glen Hamil
Sula Essick
Lake Dail Leonard
Willie Reid Leonard
Carl Andrew Everhart
Henry Alvin Essick
Lloyd Blakeford Ball
Claytie Lee Myers
Oliver Franklin Frazier
Albert Sheets Varner
Brady Lee Everhart
Luther Franklin Lambeth
Lucy Gilmore Tussey
Harvey Lee Tussey
Noah Samuel Lambeth
Lucy Freeman Conrad
Wm. Van Conrad
1920
M. F. Craven
Mrs. M. F. Craven
Hoy Derwood Clodfelter
Lillie Ree Clodfelter
Alvin Virley Everhart
Elmer Essick
Thelma Cora Leonard
Andrew Sink
Pearl Sink
John L. Sink
Louise Bergman Sink
Mrs. S. Frank Clodfelter
1921
Joseph Dixon Andrew
Christel Hedrick
John Burch Sink
Erline Hamil
Fannie Viola Everhart
Mary Gertrude Everhart
Lillie Clodfelter
Fred Clodfelter
Johnsie Yokley
Robert Hughes Hamil
Lessie Maude Hamil
Everett Lee Whitlow
John Glen Everhart
Nellie Beatrice Craver
John Conrad
Paul Branson Andrew
Charles Ernest Cook
Myrtis Ree Everhart
Fred Thomas Miller
Fred Solomon Myers
Mrs. Fred S. Myers
1922
Lillian King Leonard
Wm. M. Freedle
Coleen Leonard
Mary Reid Sink
Mrs. Clarinda Redwine Clodfelter
1923
Ruth Elizabeth Andrew
Marjorie Beck
Theo. Grimes Beck
Obediah Grubbs
Titus Dermont Leonard
Druid Andrew Clodfelter
Clell Batton Clodfelter
Irene Mathello Essick
Dorris Leonard
Julius Lefoy Leonard
Wade Conrad
1924
Martha Elizabeth Wagner
Treva Janette Leonard
Mary Kathlene Sink
Nellie Belle Everhart
Ivy Richard Everhart
Ellen Katherine Everhart
Sadie Lee Everhart
Fannie Lee Beck
Ella Mae Beck
John Quinn Craven
Lester Lee Carter
Clara Essick

PILGRIM PASTORS

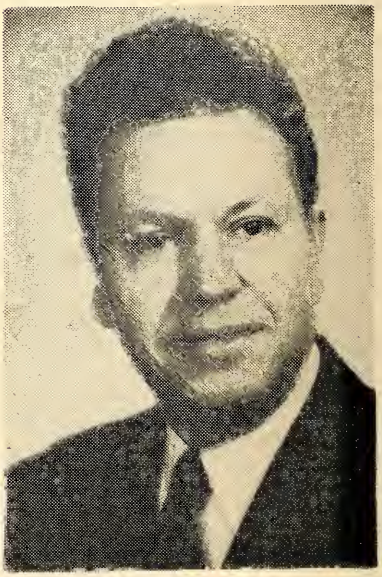
J. A. Palmer, 1912 - 1918



James D. Andrew, 1918 - 1924



Hoy L. Fesperman, 1927 - 1929



Joshua L. Levens, 1934 - 1937

Christian Endeavor, 1928

The Upper Davidson Charge was without a regular pastor for about two years after Rev. Mr. Andrew left. During this time the Rev. A. Odell Leonard, pastor of the Second Reformed Church of Lexington, served as stated supply. The Rev. Hoy L. Fesperman became pastor of Pilgrim Church in June of 1927. This was the first pastorate served by Rev. Mr. Fesperman. Various organizations of the congregation were active during this pastorate. The Youth Work reported 20 members in 1927 with Miss Geneva Leonard as president.

PILGRIM CONSISTORY IN 1927

PILGRIM CHURCH

Hoy L. Fesperman, Pastor

Elected November 25, 1927

ELDERS

A. P. Long, Andrew Sink, S. J. Sink, three years.

J. Thomas Leonard, Geo. Ed Leonard, J. Shelly Leonard, two years.

W. Lacy Leonard, W. M. Fritz, H. J. Conrad, one year.

DEACONS

D. F. Wagner, J. D. Essick, W. J. Leonard, three years.

Chas. Everhart, S. F. Clodfelter, Bill Clodfelter, two years.

Roscoe Sink, Jasper Miller, W. Paul Leonard, one year.

THE CHURCH HUT

The women of the church felt the need of additional space at the church for Sunday School purposes and for social functions. Thus it was that in 1927 the the Women's Missionary Society sponsored the building of the Church Hut. The Hut con-

Pilgrim Church Hut, 1957

tained a large room for fellowship purposes and a kitchen for preparing meals. The Men's Sunday School Class used the hut for their class room after it's construction. Since the hut was

built, it has been expanded on two occasions. At one time the kitchen was enlarged. In 1956 men and women's toilets were added to the rear of the hut. During the pastorate of the Rev. Carl Daye, the Ida Conrad Sunday School Class purchased metal tables for the hut. The Junior Consistory built beautiful new tables for the Hut during the first part of 1957. These new tables cost about $260. The Women's Guild took as a project for 1957 to purchase new china for the hut, and this has been done.

During the fall and winter of 1956 the Hut was insulated and a heating system installed by the Junior Consistory. The Senior Consistory accepted a challenge from the Junior Consistory to pay for the insulation themselves if the Junior Consistory would install the insulation.

1929-1937

Following the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Fesperman, Pilgrim Church and the Upper Davidson Charge was vacant for almost five years. During this time the Rev. A. Odell Leonard again served as supply. During the summers several students served at Pilgrim. Huitt R. Carpenter served as supply for two summers and Carl H. Clapp one summer. The next summer Josh L. Levens supplied the Charge and agreed to return upon completing Seminary as the full time pastor of the Charge.

In 1932 the Christian Endeavor reported 37 members with Mary Reid Sink as the secretary. From the Standard we find that Mrs. H. J. (Ida) Conrad was elected historian for the Women's Missionary Society for the N. C. Classis in 1930.

The Rev. John Levens accepted a Call to the Upper Davidson Charge and became pastor upon completing his Seminary work in 1934. He served the Charge until 1937.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ADDITION

During 1934 and 1935 the people of Pilgrim Church under the leadership of Rev. Mr. Levens built a much needed Sunday School addition to the church. This was built to the back of the Church building and Sanctuary. There were eight rooms for Sunday School Classes and a basement containing rest rooms and two Sunday School Class rooms. The dedication service for

Pilgrim Church, 1945

this addition was held in May of 1935. Rev. A. O. Leonard preached the sermon and Rev. Mr. Levens read the consecration ritual. The rooms were occupied for the first time on Easter Sunday in 1935. The building committee consisted of Roscoe Sink, Paul Leonard, and Avery Essick.

Pilgrim Sunday School Building, 1957

Vacation Bible School, 1936

ACTIVITIES DURING THE PASTORATE OF REV. MR. LEVENS

From the May issue of the Standard in 1935—"The young people of Pilgrim presented on Easter Sunday night the well-known Easter play, "Simon, The Leper."—Memorial and Homecoming services were held at Pilgrim on May 12."

From the October 1935, issue of the Standard—"Revivals were conducted in all three of the churches of the charge with splendid results . . . Pilgrim has received twelve by confirmation and three by letter . . . The C. E. at Pilgrim was fortunate in studying the race problem from a different angle. Rev. Mr. Brown, a Negro minister of Lexington, delivered an excellent address on this topic. Several musical numbers were rendered by members of the choir of his church . . . Pilgrim has been very fortunate in receiving a piano for the Sunday School department. This was the gift of Mrs. W. L. Clodfelter."

From the December, 1935, issue of the Standard— . . . Pilgrim will follow their usual custom of having a Christmas service on Christmas morning. The young people will present a play "The Other Shepherd" on Sunday night before Christmas . . . The W. M. S. of Pilgrim presented their annual thank offering amounting to $155.76 . . . The Missionary Society has contributed liberally toward the church school building fund, as well as other worthwhile projects."

REV. C. COLUMBUS WAGONER

The Rev. C. Columbus Wagoner was ordained July 17, 1910. He came to the Upper Davidson Charge in 1938 from the Conover Charge. During 1938, a hot air heating plant was installed for the church and Sunday School building.

The following notes were taken from the Standard during this pastorate: . . . Rev. George Dellinger will be the guest preacher in a week of services which will be held at Pilgrim during the first Sunday in August . . . The superintendent of the Pilgrim Sunday School for 1939 is Atlas Sowers . . . Early in the spring (1939) the men of the charge graded the parsonage lot. Later, it was seeded to grass and a fine stand was secured. The ladies had shrubbery planted . . . Mother's Day and Memorial Day services were held at Pilgrim on the second Sunday in May . . . Vacation Bible School was held at Pilgrim following the first

Sunday in June and a Children's Day service was held on the second Sunday in June at 10:00 A. M. Rev. C. C. Wagoner . . . was assisted by Rev. Huitt Carpenter in a series of services at Pilgrim during the first week of August (1939)."

CHARGE REALIGNED

On December 5, 1946, Bethany Church was detached from the Upper Davidson Charge and was included with Hebron and Bethlehem Churches in the organization of the North Davidson Charge. Beulah and Pilgrim Churches continued to constitute the Upper Davidson Charge until 1951.

1947-1951

The Rev. Carl Daye succeeded the Rev. C. C. Wagoner as pastor of the Upper Davidson Charge in 1947. The Rev. Mr. Daye came to this charge from the St. Paul's-Keller Charge. A Junior Consistory was organized in 1947 with Joe Hege, Jr., as the first president of this group. There were 12 members in the Junior Consistory at that time. The Constitution of the Junior Consistory states the purpose of this organization is: " . . . to organize the young men of the congregation to become members of the Senior Consistory by learning the organization of the church, carrying out projects in the church, attending occasional meetings of the Senior Consistory, and performing certain duties in the church." At the time of the organization of the Junior Consistory the members served as the church ushers. They do not have this responsibility at this time. At the present time there are 17 members of the Junior Consistory and the president is Don Hege.

A Churchman's Brotherhood was also organized during the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Daye, with Mr. Clell Clodfelter as the president. During the pastorate of Rev. Gerald Cobb the Brotherhood was reorganized and chartered May 24, 1953, with J. A. Sowers, president. Casper Conrad is the present president with about 28 members in the organization. The Brotherhood sponsors the Easter Breakfast each year following the Easter Sunrise Service.

Plans were made and money was raised to build additional Sunday School class rooms and a choir loft, during the spring

of 1950. The four additional class rooms, two on each floor on the northeast end of the building, were completed during the first part of 1950. The cost of this addition was about $3,600.

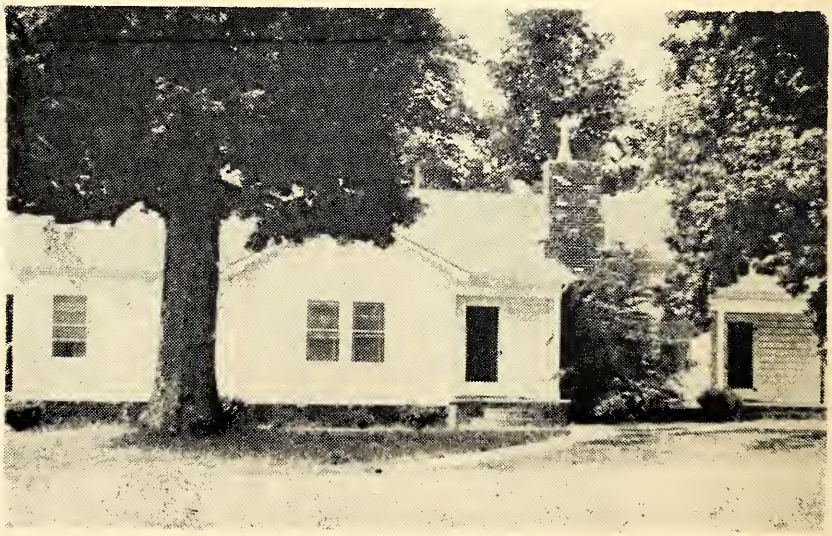
The Rev. Mr. Daye resigned the pastorate during this time, to accept a call to the Crescent Charge. The Rev. Alfred Sandrock, pastor of Mt. Tabor Church, was appointed supply.

A Choir loft was built into the left side of the Sanctuary and the money raised and the construction paid for during the early part of 1951. The total cost of the remodeling and cushioned chairs for the choir loft was a little over $1,500. A Hammond organ was purchased and installed at this same time for the cost of $1,151. All of this work was paid for at its completion and the small amount that had been over subscribed for this work was turned over to the Women's Guild. The building committee for the Sunday School addition and the choir loft was R. G. Hill, Sr., chairman, Clell Clodfelter, Paul Leonard, Joe Herman Berrier, and Charles Ward, Sr.

PARSONAGE BUILT

In 1951 the Upper Davidson Charge was dissolved, with Pilgrim Church and Beulah Church each going to self support.

Plans were drawn up and construction begun on a parson-



Pilgrim Parsonage, 1957

age at Pilgrim Church. The parsonage was built above the church and the hut, in the point between the City Lake Road and the Pilgrim Church Road, facing the Pilgrim Church Road. The construction was a frame, seven room house, with a half basement. Lloyd Clodfelter was the contractor for the work. The parsonage building committee consisted of Wade Conrad, chairman, Elwood Everhart, Joe Herman Berrier, John Ward, Mrs. Clyde Beck and Mrs. Jesse Wagoner. The house was completed just before Christmas, 1951, at the cost of $10,050.20.

Thus it was, that in a period of not much more than two years, the Pilgrim congregation raised and spent for remodeling and construction more than $15,000. This was a fine achievement for a congregation of less than three hundred members.

THE FIRST FULL-TIME PASTOR

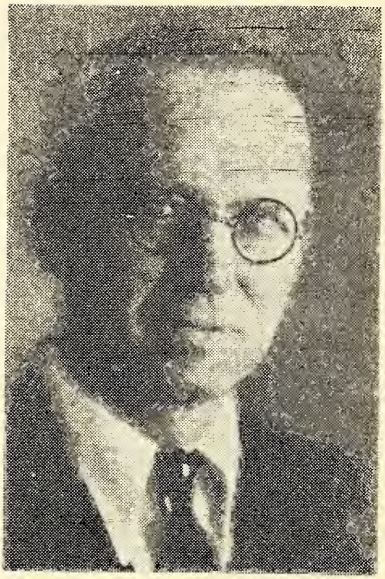
As the parsonage neared completion the congregation grew anxious for a pastor to occupy this new home and to become their first full-time pastor. For nearly two hundred years they had shared a pastor with from two to five other congregations. As their first full-time pastor the congregation called, on April 12, 1952, the Rev. Gerald Cobb. Rev. Mr. Cobb served the Pilgrim congregation until January 29, 1956. During this time 55 new members were received into the congregation and the church budget grew to nearly $8,000, more than it had ever been before.

In 1954 Miss Martha Hartley was secured as Choir Director and the Pilgrim Choir quickly became known as one of the best church choirs in the area and in the Synod. Miss Hartley has led the choir in many fine pieces of music and in performing several special musical programs.

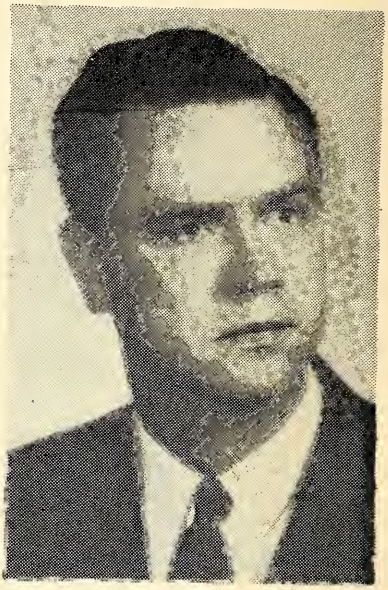
The Women's Guild had been organized from the Woman's Missionary Society around 1942. In 1955 a second Circle was organized and named the Shining Star Circle. Two additional circles were organized during 1956, Circles 3 and 4.

The youth work of the church was active during the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Cobb and he worked with the younger people in such work as a boys softball team. He took part in the camping program of Southern Synod and served as a counselor at John's River Valley Camp.

PILGRIM PASTORS



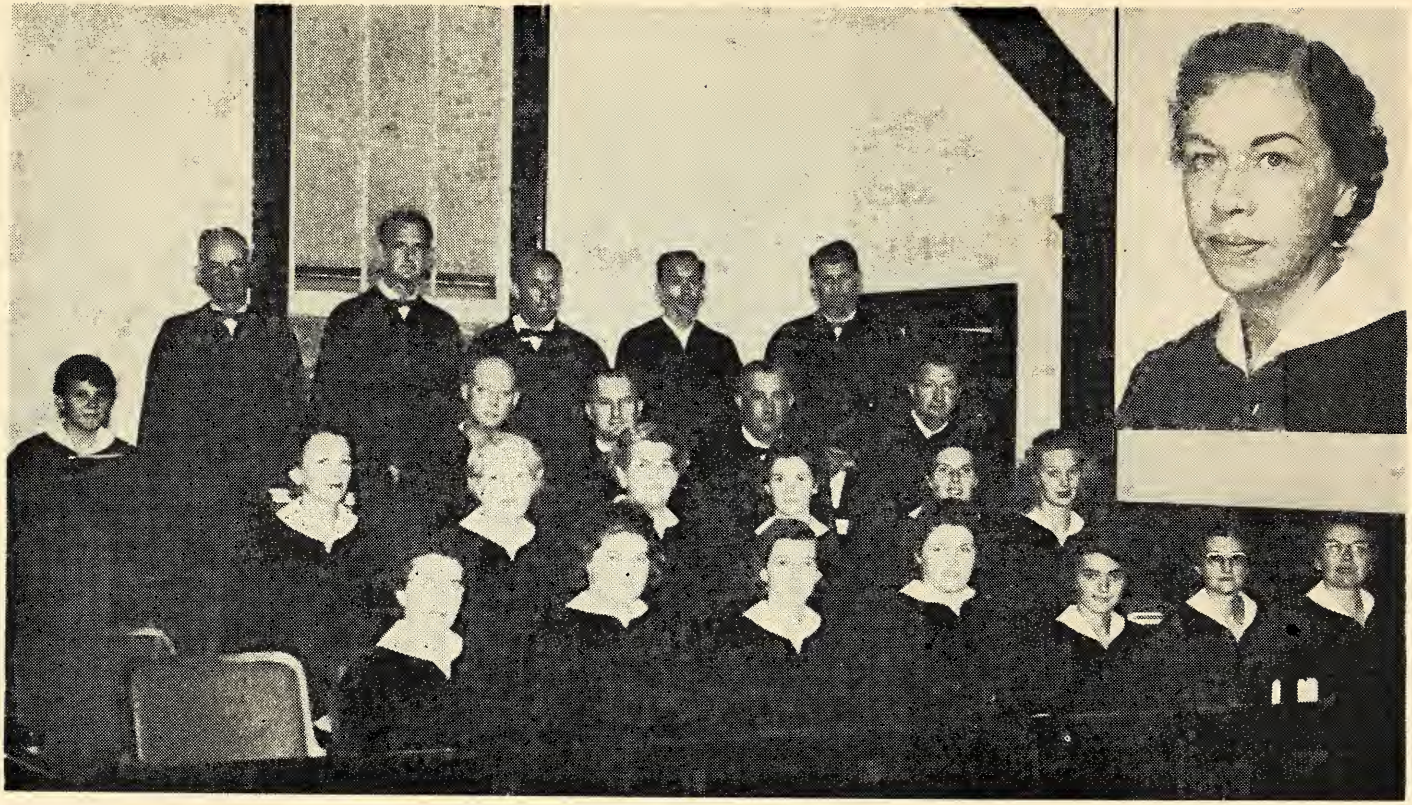
Rev. C. C. Wagoner, 1938 - 1946



Rev. Carl Daye, 1947 - 1950

Rev. Gerald Cobb, 1952 - 1956

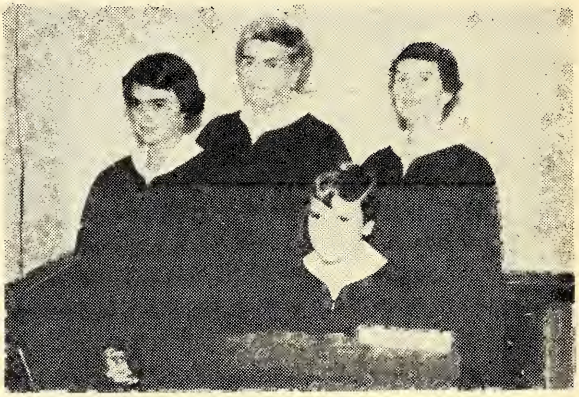
Rev. Frank Snider, 1956 -



Pilgrim Church Choir, and Director, Miss Martha Hartley

The Rev. Melvin Palmer, pastor of Beulah, supplied Pilgrim Church as pastor from the first of February until September 3, 1956, when the Rev. Frank Snider became pastor of Pilgrim congregation, coming from the Lincoln Charge.

"The Hymnal" the church hymnal of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, was purchased and put into use during December of 1956.



PILGRIM CHURCH ORGANISTS
Seated, Miss Jane Leonard, Standing, Miss Mary Ann Sowers, Mrs. W. L. Clodfelter, and Mrs. Charles Ward, Sr.

MUSIC IN PILGRIM CHURCH

Music is an important part of the worship of God and Pilgrim Church has been fortunate in always having good music. The following persons are remembered as having directed the Pilgrim Choir: Mr. H. J. Conrad, Mrs. J. Thomas Leonard and Miss Martha Hartley.

It is unknown just when the first musical instrument was placed in Pilgrim Church, but for many years the "reed organ" was used. The first piano was placed in the church around forty years ago. Organists and pianists who are remembered as having served the Pilgrim congregation are: Mr. L. L. Conrad, Mr. Walter Conrad, Mr. P. James Leonard, Mr. H. J. Conrad, Mr. Ed Leonard, Mrs. J. Thomas Leonard, Mrs. W. L. Clodfelter, Miss Betsy Sink, Mrs. Charles Ward, Sr., Miss Jane Leonard and Miss Mary Ann Sowers.

Four Generations of Pilgrim Church Leaders—Seated, Mr. L. L. Conrad with Clell Clodfelter. Standing, Mr. H. J. Conrad and Mr. Fred Sink.

THE PILGRIM SUNDAY SCHOOL

Just when the first Pilgrim Sunday School was organized is unknown. The first was a Union Lutheran and Reformed Sunday School. The oldest Sunday School records in existence date from 1853. The following are known to have served as superintendents of the Pilgrim Sunday School: Jacob Berrier, Adam Hedrick, Andrew P. Long, W. Lacy Leonard, J. Thomas Leonard, L. L. Conrad, Kermit Clodfelter, Charles J. Ward, Sr., Clell Clodfelter, Lake Leonard and J. A. Sowers.

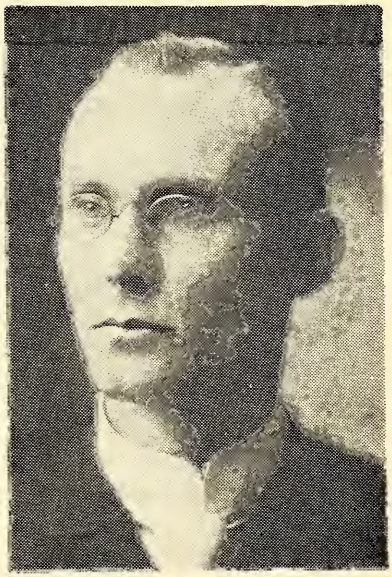
Before the addition of Sunday School Rooms in 1934, all of the classes met in the Church Sanctuary, which was the only room in the church. The children's classes met in the balcony at that time.

The Sunday School was departmentalized after the addition of the Sunday School rooms. The children began to meet separately for the opening worship with Miss Lena Leonard as the first Children's Department Superintendent.

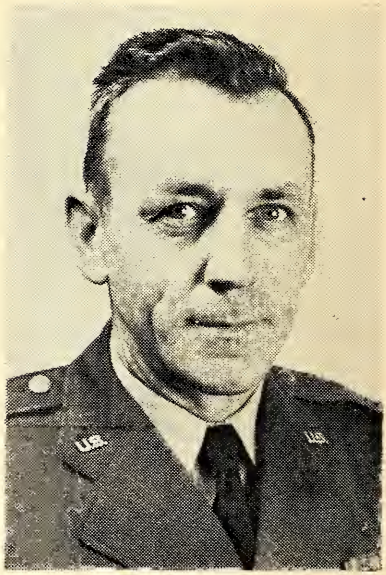
Miss Jesse Leonard became the Children's Department superintendent in 1940 and served in this capacity until 1947. She was elected Children's Worker for the Southern Synod in

1946 and served as such until about 1953. In 1947 Miss Leonard was Consecrated a Commissioned Worker in First Church, Lexington, by a committee appointed by the Synodical Council. The committee was, Rev. B. J. Peeler, Rev. C. C. Wagoner and Elders Paul Hinkle and Irvin L. Sink. Miss Leonard served as Director of Religious Education at First Church from 1947 until 1951.

MINISTER SONS OF PILGRIM CONGREGATION



Rev. Joshua Bowers



Chaplain Joseph D. Andrews

MINISTER SONS OF PILGRIM CHURCH

Dr. J. C. Leonard lists the following ministers as coming from the Pilgrim congregation: Rev. H. F. Long, Rev. William A. Long, Rev. J. C. Leonard, Rev. J. L. Bowers and Rev. Joseph D. Andrew. The Rev. Keith Sink is a grandson of the Pilgrim congregation, his mother having grown up in this congregation.

ORGANIZATIONS IN PILGRIM CHURCH

The Consistory—9 Elders and 9 Deacons—Meets on Second Sunday in each month.

The Junior Consistory—17 members, meets on First Monday in each month.

Women's Guild—80 members—Meets Quarterly. 4 Circles—each meeting monthly.

Senior Youth Fellowship—Meets on First and Third Sundays.

Junior High Fellowship—Meets on First and Third Sundays.

Churchman's Brotherhood—Meets on Fourth Sunday in each month.

Church Ushers—Meetings announced.

Choir—Meets each Thursday night.

Pilgrim Band—Meets as announced.

PILGRIM PASTORS

Christian Theus — occasional visits before	1759
James Martin	1759-1764
Richard Dupert	1764-1768
Samuel Suther	1768-1786
Jacob Schneider	1787-1792
Samuel Weyburg	1793-1798
Jacob Christman	1798-1803
George Boger and Andrew Loretz	1803-1812
George Boger, Wm. Weinel, H. B. Dieffenbach, J. Scholl J. S. Ebaugh, G. Leidy, and J. Rudy	1812-1827
Wm. Hauck	1828-1832
W. C. Bennet	1832-1838
David Crooks	1838-1846
F. Plassman	1846-1848
Thornton Butler	1848-1851
Wm. Sorber	1853-1856
T. Butler	1856-1857
P. A. Long	1858-1862
Thomas Long	1862-1887
G. D. Gurley (Assistant)	1885-1886
J. H. Shuford	1887-1888
J. C. Leonard	1889-1897
H. A. M. Holshouser	1897-1903
W. H. Causey	1903-1907
Vacant	1907-1910
Will A. Long and John A. Ditsler, Summer Supplies	1907-1910
W. H. McNairy	1910-1911
J. A. Palmer	1912-1918
J. D. Andrew	1918-1924
A. O. Leonard (Supply)	1925-1927
Charles Hiatt (Supplied Two Summers)	1925-1927
H. L. Fesperman	1927-1929
Students H. R. Carpenter, C. H. Clapp, J. L. Levens (Vacation Supply), A. O. Leonard (Stated Supply)	1929-1934
J. L. Levens	1934-1937
C. C. Wagoner	1938-1946
Carl Daye	1947-1950
A. L. Sandrock (Supply)	1950-1951
G. R. Cobb	1952-1956
Melvin Palmer (Supply)	During 1956
Frank W. Snider	1956-

PILGRIM CHURCH, DAVIDSON COUNTY

Year Ending	Pastor	Membership	Sunday School Members	Average Attendance	Cong. Expense	Benevolences
1905	Wm. H. Causey	175	185		$ 474.00	$ 79.98
1906	Vacant	169	185			50.00
1907	Vacant	192	185		50.00	
1908	Vacant	200	237		195 00	42.00
1909	Wm. H. McNairy	195	162		200.00	16.00
1910	Wm. H. McNairy	175	200	109	520.00	182.00
1911	Vacant	176	207		308.00	17.00
1912	J. A. Palmer	198	203		421.00	41.00
1913	J. A. Palmer	212			372.00	130.00
1914	J. A. Palmer	218	216		379.00	224.00
1915	J. A. Palmer	215	212			
1916	J. A. Palmer	219	211		412.00	331.00
1917	Vacant	219	211			
1918	J. D. Andrew	245	200	109	342.00	587.00
	J. D. Andrew	255	241	122	612.00	318.00
1920	J. D. Andrew	250	233	124	888.00	1852.00
1921	J. D. Andrew	270	215		769.00	1068.00
1922	J. D. Andrew	275	219		1365.00	725.00
1923	J. D. Andrew	275	237		917.00	810.00
1924	Vacant	250	220		606.00	2200.00
1925	Vacant	239	220	125	2500.00	1175.00
1926	Hoy L. Fesperman	230	225	146	1025.00	682.00
1927	Hoy L. Fesperman	203	222	170	1289.00	460.00
1928	Hoy L. Fesperman	203	251	145	1101.00	734.00
1929	Vacant	205	248	154	628.00	453.00
1930	Vacant	192	261	153	593.00	476.00
1931	Vacant	196	240	141	746.00	737.00
1932	Vacant	195	250	165	601.69	620.67
1933	Vacant	199	242	174	543.32	161.17
1934	Josh L. Levens	217	275	179	702.45	349.08
1935	Josh L. Levens	229	261	186	2783.76	318 00
1936	Josh L. Levens	230	269	190	1015.32	173.22
1937	Vacant	231	178		846.62	372.62
1938	C. C. Wagner	232	252	190	2023.77	829.53
1939						
1940						
1941	C. C. Wagner	233	257	181	1255.69	398.58
1942	C. C. Wagner	224	236	156	1177.00	910.00
1943	C. C. Wagner	213	239	148	1183.00	1164.00
1944	C. C. Wagner	219	233	132	986.00	903.00
1945	C. C. Wagner	216	254	156	1121.00	1055.00
1946	C. C. Wagner	245	236	191	2092.00	1223.00
1947	C. C. Wagner	257	250	187	2878.00	979.00
1948	Carl Daye	256	326	196	3040.00	973.00
1949	Carl Daye	272	295	229	3159.00	1009.00
1950	Vacant	277	332	225	2450.00	1048.00
1951	Vacant	276	327	230	2620.00	1459.00
1952	Gerald Cobb	296	350	239	14035.00	1659.00
1953	Gerald Cobb	300	375	230	5350.00	1831.00
1954	Gerald Cobb	267	350	202	7122.00	1906.00
1955	Gerald Cobb	259	350	202	7119.00	2370.00
1956	Cobb, Palmer, Snider	269	295	204	5979.00	2319.00
1957*	Frank Snider	279	317	220		

*Thru June 30, 1957

Pilgrim Sunday School, 1957

PILGRIM CHURCH MEMBERSHIP ROLL
AS OF AUGUST, 1957

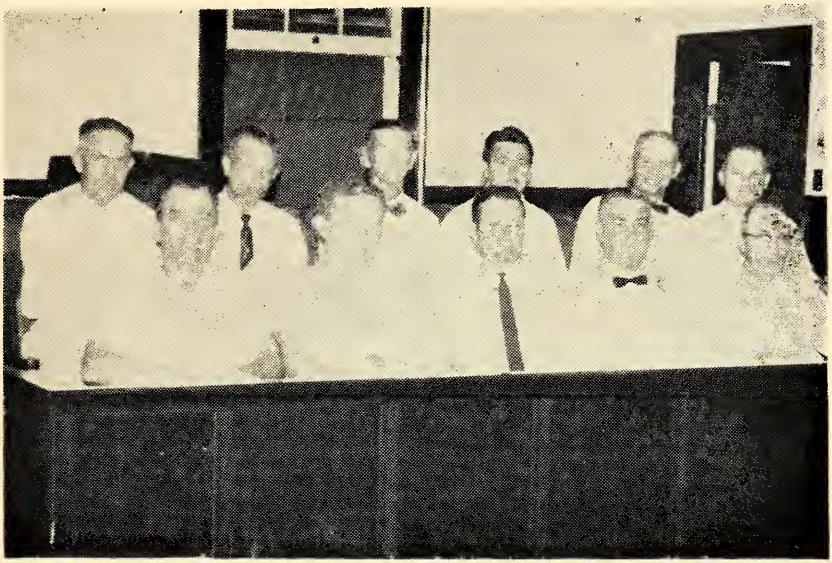
Mrs. Ervin Aaron
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beck
Mr. Carey Beck
Mrs. Freddie Beck
Mr. Theo Beck
Miss Martha Biesecker
Miss Patsy Biesecker
Mrs. Ray Biesecker
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Black
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Black
Mr. and Mrs. Reid Black
Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Bowman
Mrs. D. W. Brinkley
Charles Brinkley
Tommy B. Brinkley
Mr. Robert Brinkley
Mrs. Jim Brown
Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bunting
Mrs. Larry Burton
Mr. and Mrs. Billy B. Byerly
Mrs. Elmer Byerly
Mr. Jacob O. Byerly, Jr.
Mrs. J. O. Byerly, Sr.
Mrs. Glenn Byers
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Clarke
Beth Clarke
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Clodfelter
Boyd Clodfelter
Donald Clodfelter
Mr. and Mrs. Clell B. Clodfelter
Libby Clodfelter
Jayne Clodfelter
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Clodfelter
Martha Clodfelter
Sarah Clodfelter
Susan Clodfelter
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Clodfelter
Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Clodfelter
Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Clodfelter
Mr. and Mrs. Casper Conrad
Ted Conrad
Mrs. Ida H. Conrad
Mr. and Mrs. Wade Conrad
Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cranford
Mr. and Mrs. Nannis Crouse
Mr. and Mrs. John H. Davis
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dorsett
Mrs. Andrew Essick
Mr. and Mrs. W. Avery Essick
Miss Sula Essick
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Essick
Miss Henrietta Essick
Miss Jean Essick
Mrs. J. Dewitt Essick
Robert Essick
Mr. and Mrs. John D. Essick, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Everhart
Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Everhart
Mr. and Mrs. Brady Everhart
Mr. Charles L. Everhart
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Everhart
Miss Lola Everhart
Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Everhart
Mrs. D. L. Everhart
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Vann Everhart
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Everhart
Leonard Earl Everhart
Mary Alice Everhart
Mrs. Elwood Everhart
Clarence Elwood Everhart, Jr.
Naomi Everhart
Mrs. Gracie Everhart
Mr. Hoyt Everhart
Mrs. Ida Everhart
Miss Edna Everhart
Mr. and Mrs. Ira Everhart
Ira Stephen Everhart
Mr. and Mrs. James Everhart
Mrs. Lina Everhart
Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Everhart
Mrs. Robert Everhart
Mr. and Mrs. Stokes Everhart
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Everhart
Johnnie Everhart
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Farabee
Mr. and Mrs. Clark Fine
Robert L. Fine
Mrs. Herbert Gordan
Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Green
Miss Hallie Hedrick
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hege
Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hege
Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Hege, Jr.
Mrs. Mary Heitman
Mrs. J. D. Hepler
Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Hill
Mr. and Mrs. Roy G. Hill, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Roy G. Hill, Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. Merrill R. Hodge

MEMBERSHIP ROLL (Continued)

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Howell
Mrs. Albert Jarrett
Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Jarrett
Miss Margaret Jarrett
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kirkus
Doyle Francis Kirkus
Glenda Gale Kirkus
Mr. Austin Leonard
Miss Bertha Leonard
Miss Ella Leonard
Mrs. C. C. Leonard
Mr. Titus Leonard
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Leonard
Mr. and Mrs. J. Shelly Leonard
Mrs. J. Thomas Leonard
Mrs. Julius C. Leonard
Mrs. Lacy Leonard
Mr. and Mrs. Lake Leonard
Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Leonard
Charles Allen Leonard
Klynt Leonard
Martha Leonard
Mr. and Mrs. Reid Leonard
Mr. Tommy Leonard
Mrs. Virginia B. Leonard
Mrs. Willie Leonard
Mr. Henry Long, Jr.
Mrs. Harold E. Lopp
Mr. James Harvey Lopp
Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Louya
Mr. and Mrs. William Louya
Mrs. Pete Marion
Mr. Jasper Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Alpheus Miller
Mr. Bennie Miller
Don Bryce Miller
Mr. Fred Miller
Mr. Willie Miller
Mr. and Mrs. George Miller
David Miller
Mr. John Wayne Miller
Mrs. Howard Miller
Miss Marietta Miller
Mr. Eddie Mize
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mize
Bobby Mize
Donald Mize
Levens Mize
Patsy Mize
Stephen Lynn Mize
Vann Mize
Mr. and Mrs. Max Mize
Mrs. Bob Moose
Mr. and Mrs. Odell Morris
Dermont Odell Morris
Wayne Morris
Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Morris
Mr. Billy Joe Myers
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Myers
Mr. Ray Myers
Mrs. Jack Newcomb
Mrs. James Owens
Mrs. Eddie Lee Parker
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Parker
Mr. Eddie Lee Parker
Mr. and Mrs. Gellery Podgaysky
Mr. and Mrs. J. Otis Pope
Miss Ellen Kaye Powell
Mrs. Douglas Sink
Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Sink
Mrs. John L. Sink
Miss Pearl Sink
Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Sink
Mr. Sidney Smith
Mrs. Frank W. Snider
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sowers
Mary Ann Sowers
Mr. Johnny Sowers
Mrs. J. C. Temple
Mr. Jack R. Toney
Mrs. Steve Truell
Mr. and Mrs. David Truitt
David P. Truitt, Jr.
Mrs. Henry Turner
Mrs. Joe Tysinger
Mr. Albert Varner
Mr. Albert Varner, Jr.
Mr. Lawrence Varner
Mrs. Jesse Wagner
Mrs. Joe V. Wagner
Mrs. Emery C. Walser
Mr. Rex H. Walser
Mr. and Mrs. H. Tom Walker
Mr. Archie Ward
Mr. and Mrs. Buford Ward
Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Ward
Mr. Charles J. Ward, Jr.
Betsy Ward
Mr. Dan Gray Ward
Mr. and Mrs. David Edward Ward
Mr. and Mrs. James P. Ward
Mr. and Mrs. John Ward

MEMBERSHIP ROLL (Continued)

John Ray Ward
Kay Ward
Mary Ward
Mr. and Mrs. Ardinus Watkins
Mrs. Bettie Jean Wrenn
Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Yarborough
Mrs. Mary York



Consistory of Pilgrim Church, 1957

OFFICERS AND CONSISTORY

CONSISTORY

ELDERS	DEACONS
Casper Conrad (57)	Francis Bunting (57)
Albert Varner (57)	Titus Leonard (57)
Raymond Black (58)	Alvin Everhart (58)
Clell Clodfelter (58)	Reid Leonard (58)
Odell Morris (58)	Sidney Smith (58)
Joe H. Hege, Jr. (59)	Clyde Beck (59)
Lake Leonard (59)	Jack Clodfelter (59)
J A. Sowers (59)	Alpheus Miller (59)

(Number after name is the year term of office expires)

OFFICERS OF CONSISTORY

Chairman ..... **J. A. Sowers**
Secretary ..... **Reid Leonard**
Treasurer ..... **Joe H. Hege, Jr.**
Flower Fund Treasurer ..... **Clyde Beck**
Delegate To Synod ..... **Raymond Black**

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH & MINISTRY

J. A. Sowers
Titus Leonard
Lake Leonard
Clyde Beck
Clell Clodfelter

STEWARDSHIP CHAIRMAN

Titus Leonard

RECREATION

Don Hege
Lake Leonard
Clarence Clodfelter
Clyde Beck
Raymond Black

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Raymond Black
Alvin Everhart
Lake Leonard

KINGDOM ROLL CALL COMMITTEE

Clell Clodfelter
James Everhart

EVANGELISM

Albert Varner
Clyde Beck
Reid Leonard
Sidney Smith
Lake Leonard

THE CHOIR

Director ..... Miss Martha Hartley
President ..... Mrs. Casper Conrad
Vice-President ..... Clyde Beck
Secretary-Treasurer ..... Miss Edna Everhart

Elders and Deacons Not on Consistory in 1957

THE JUNIOR CONSISTORY

President ..... **Don Hege**
Vice-President ..... **Donald Everhart**
Secretary ..... **Paul Everhart**
Treasurer ..... **John H. Davis**

Oscar Kirkus
Clark Fine
James P. Ward
Fred Morris
James Everhart
Guy Hege
Nick Watkins
Claude Cranford
Earl Everhart
Ed Clark
Bradley Hill
R. G. Hill, Jr.

Workers Conference, 1957

PILGRIM SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent ..... J. A. Sowers
Assistant ..... Don Hege
Secretary-Treasurer ..... Ed Ward
Assistant ..... Titus Leonard
Organist ..... Jane Leonard
Assistant ..... Mary Ann Sowers
Children's Supt. ..... Mrs. George Miller
Assistant ..... Mrs. Clyde Everhart
Children's Pianist ..... Mary Ann Sowers
Assistant ..... Jayne Clodfelter

CLASSES

NURSERY

Teacher ..... Mrs. John H. Davis
Assistant ..... Mrs. Freddie Beck

CLASS NO. 1

Teacher ..... Mrs. Reid Black
Assistant .... Miss Jayne Clodfelter

CLASS NO 2.

Teacher ..... Mrs. Fred Morris
Assistant ..... Mrs. Reid Leonard

CLASS NO. 2A

Teacher ..... Mrs. J. A. Sowers

CLASS NO. 2B

Teacher ..... Mrs. Alpheus Miller

CLASS NO. 3

Teacher ..... Clell B. Clodfelter
Assistant ..... Ed Ward

CLASS NO. 4

Teacher ..... Miss Sula Essick

CLASS NO. 5

Teacher ..... Casper Conrad
Assistant ..... Reid Black

CLASS NO. 6

Teacher ..... Clyde Beck
Assistant ..... Ed Howell

CLASS NO. 7

Teacher ..... Mrs. Clell Clodfelter
Assistant ..... Mrs. W. L. Clodfelter

CLASS NO. 8

Teacher ..... Rev. Frank Snider
Assistant ..... Jack Clodfelter

CLASS NO. 9

Teacher ..... Mrs. Ellen Leonard
Assistant ..... Miss Ella Leonard

CLASS NO. 10

Teacher ..... Wade Conrad
Assistant ..... Clell Clodfelter

Nursery Class, 1957

ORGANIZATIONS

CHURCHMEN'S BROTHERHOOD

President ..... Casper Conrad
Vice President ..... Sidney Smith
Secretary ..... Titus Leonard
Treasurer ..... Gellery Podgaysky

Contest Team Captains
Wade Conrad
Edmund Sink

THE WOMEN'S GUILD

President ..... Miss Sula Essick
First Vice-President ..... Mrs. Howard Mize
Second Vice-President ..... Mrs. J. A. Sowers
Secretary-Treasurer ..... Mrs. Joe Tysinger
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer ..... Mrs. Elmer Essick

Departmental Chairmen

Spiritual Life ..... Mrs. Casper Conrad
Missionary Education ..... Miss Bertha Leonard
Christian Education ..... Mrs. Clell Clodfelter
Christian Stewardship ..... Mrs. Reid Leonard
Christian Social Action ..... Mrs. Elwood Everhart
Christian Service ..... Mrs. Alpheus Miller

Circle Chairmen

Circle No. 1 ..... Mrs. Ellen Leonard
Shining Star Circle ..... Miss Edna Everhart
Circle No. 3 ..... Mrs. George Miller
Circle No. 4 ..... Mrs. Don Hege

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

President ..... Martha Clodfelter
Vice-President ..... Mary Ann Sowers
Secretary ..... Sarah Clodfelter
Treasurer ..... Rex Walser
Counselors ..... Mr. and Mrs. Casper Conrad

Commission Chairmen

Faith ..... Jayne Clodfelter
Action ..... Wayne Morris
Fellowship ..... Boyd Clodfelter

JUNIOR HIGH FELLOWSHIP

President ..... Dianne Whittington
Vice-President ..... Frankie Bunting
Secretary ..... Jane Leonard
Treasurer ..... Mary Alice Everhart
Counselors ..... Mr. and Mrs. Steve Truell, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Everhart

Women's Guild, 1957

USHERS

Earl Everhart ..... Chief Usher
Alpheus Miller ..... Assistant Chief Usher
Sidney Smith ..... Greeter

Francis Bunting	Donald Everhart
Albert Varner, Jr.	Carey Beck
Guy Hege	Nick Watkins
Fred Morris	Clark Fine
James P. Ward	R. G. Hill, Jr.
Claude Cranford	James Everhart

PILGRIM CHURCH—1957

The year 1957 began for the Pilgrim Congregation with the celebration of the Holy Communion on January 6. One hundred and forty-six persons gathered at the Lord's Table. Private communions were administered to seven persons who were unable to attend on Sunday morning.

Boys and girls teams representing Pilgrim Church continued to participate in the Lexington Church Basketball League. Pilgrim boys finished the regular season with a 11-1 record, and in first place, only to be defeated by Holly Grove Lutheran boys in the first game of the Championship Tournament. Pilgrim girls went into the tournament with a 3-6 record, but emerged Champions by winning two straight games. Both teams were a credit to Pilgrim Church.

A "Directory for 1957" was prepared and sent to all of the members of the congregation. This was an eighteen page mimeographed booklet. Miss Naomi Everhart and Mrs. Donald Van Everhart, along with several others, helped with this work.

Youth week end was held at Pilgrim on Saturday and Sunday, January 26 and 27th. Five young people from Catawba College spent the week end in the Pilgrim congregation. They directed recreation on Saturday night, taught Sunday School classes on Sunday morning, conducted the morning worship service, and held an evaluation meeting and consecration service in the afternoon. The speaker for the morning worship service was student Ed Wench.

On February 2 the Junior Consistory sponsored a Fish Supper as a project. On February 16 the Women's Guild held a Chicken Pie Supper in the hut.

On February 17, the Rev. Winfred Bray, pastor of the Congregational Christian Church in Randleman was the guest speaker for the Churchman's Brotherhood. On March 10, the two Youth Fellowships of Pilgrim Church visited and worshiped in the Congregational Christian Church in Randleman. Forty-five young people and adult advisors made this trip. A few weeks later, on March 31, the pastor spoke to the Western District Congregation Christian Youth Rally near Asheboro.

A Leadership Training School for the Davidson District was held at Second Reformed Church in Lexington, with 17 persons from Pilgrim enrolled for this school.

Pilgrim Church Ball Field During A Game—1957

Work began on the preparation of a ball field on the church property across from the parsonage around the last of February. Guy Hege did the bulldozing work, and Alpheus Miller and Clarence Everhart and several others used small tractors in working on the field. Raymond Black did much of the grading. The field was sown in grass, and sand hauled on to the infield. The Consistory set aside funds for the erection of a steel fence at the lower side of the field.

The Men's Bible Class completed their project of grading and grassing the property back of the church running along the City Lake Road. Mr. Elwood Everhart did much of the work. Mr. Wade Conrad is the teacher of this class.

Lenten services were held each Sunday night, beginning with March 10. The pastor exchanged pulpits with the Rev. Carl Kreps and the Rev. Don Leonard for two of these services. The Women's Guild conducted one service, the pastor one, and the Blue Masque of Catawba College presented the play, "Everyman" as one of the Lenten Services. On Palm Sunday Night the Choir presented the cantata, "The Glory of the Cross." All of these services were well attended.

Confirmation Class, Palm Sunday, 1957

The pastor taught a Confirmation Class each Saturday morning during the winter up until Palm Sunday. At that time 9 persons united with Pilgrim Church. Those who came by Confirmation were, Martha Biesecker, Patsy Biesecker, Kay Powell, Mary

Alice Everhart and Jean Essick. Mrs. R. G. Hill, Jr. joined by adult baptism, and Mrs. Earl Everhart and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Bowman were received by transfer of membership.

A Maundy Thursday Communion Service was held on Thursday night, April 18 with 150 present at the Lord's Table. At 6 A. M. on Easter Sunday morning, April 21, the Annual Easter Sunrise service was held in the Pilgrim Cemetery with about 150 persons present. An Easter breakfast was served by the Men's Brotherhood to about 115 persons in the church hut. Three hundred and nine persons were present at the 11 A. M. Worship Service. Following the worship service Communion was distributed to 50 persons who were not present for the Thursday night service.

The Pilgrim Church band, composed of twelve persons, played for the Sunrise Service and also for the opening of Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

Pilgrim Brotherhood began having a quarterly supper meeting, with Mr. Tom Moose as the guest speaker for the April meeting. Twenty-five men or more have attended these meetings.

Pilgrim men led in the organization of a "Lexington Area Church Softball League." The pastor was elected secretary of the league. Pilgrim was scheduled to play 27 games, with a little over half of these at home.

On May 26, four new members were received into Pilgrim Church by transfer of letter. These were: Mrs. Don Hege, Mr. Edward Howell, and Mr. and Mrs. Billy B. Byerly.

The Lexington Area Youth Fellowship met at Pilgrim Church on June 2. The Pilgrim Youth Fellowship conducted the devotions and presented a program on the History of the Reformed Church in Davidson County. The Pilgrim Band played at the beginning of the meeting. At this meeting the pastor was elected Advisor.

Vacation Bible School was conducted from June 10-21 at 9 A. M. each morning. One hundred and sixteen boys and girls were enrolled. Mrs. Clell Clodfelter and Mrs. George Miller were the leaders for this school.

As a part of the Bible School a Sunday School Picnic was held on Saturday afternoon, June 22. The Men's softball team

Vacation Bible School, 1957

played Linwood Methodist Church at 4 P. M. Following this game the Ida Conrad Class engaged in a ball game with the Junior-High Class. The Junior Highs finally won the game. About 200 persons were present for the picnic supper and the motion pictures which were shown later. Mr. Clell Clodfelter brought the projector and showed the pictures.

Sixteen boys and girls from Pilgrim Church enrolled in the Summer Camp program of the Synod at John's River Valley Camp. Six attended the Second Junior Camp, one the First Junior-High, and 9 the Second Junior-High. The pastor served as a counselor at the second Junior-High Camp.

CHURCH BELL

This bell was given to Pilgrim Church by the relatives of the late Mr. Andrew P. Long. The bell hung for many years in his yard.

The Senior Youth Fellowship

The Junior Youth Fellowship

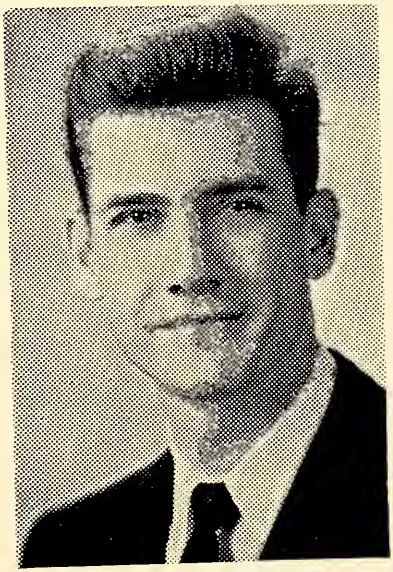
Junior Consistory, 1957

Church Ushers, 1957

Pilgrim Churchman's Brotherhood, 1957

FORMER SUPPLY PASTORS

Dr. A. Odell Leonard



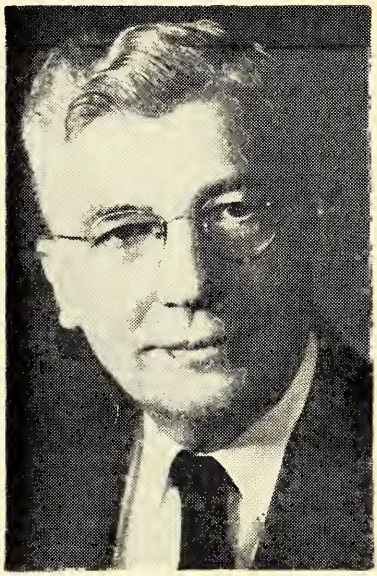
Rev. Melvin Palmer

THE TWO HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF PILGRIM CHURCH

AUGUST 13 - 18, 1957

COMMITTEE

Titus Leonard, Secretary
Mrs. W. L. Clodfelter
Mrs. Winnie Leonard
Miss Ella Leonard
Mr. Roscoe Sink
Mr. Wade Conrad
Alpheus Miller
C. Elwood Everhart (deceased)
J. A. Sowers ..... President of Consistory
Frank Snider ..... Pastor



Dr. David Dunn

Rev. Huitt R. Carpenter

ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

August 13 7:30 P. M. ..... Rev. Hoy L. Fesperman
August 14 7:30 P. M. ..... Rev. Jacob L. Palmer
August 15 7:30 P. M. ..... Rev. Gerald Cobb
August 16 7:30 P. M. ..... Rev. J. L. Levens
August 17 6:00 P. M. .... Anniversary Picnic and Fellowship Hour
Rev. Huitt R. Carpenter
August 18 9:45 A. M. ..... Sunday School Hour
Dr. A. O. Leonard, Speaker
11:00 A. M. ..... Anniversary Service, Dr. David Dunn, Speaker
3:00 P. M. ..... Memorial and Consecration Service
Rev. Carl Daye, Speaker

APPENDIX — 1

PILGRIM REFORMED CHURCH

BAPTISMS BY DR. J. A. PALMER

Date of Baptism	Name	Date of Birth
June 28, 1913	Julius Lefoy Leonard,	June 29, 1912
August 6, 1913	Dennis Benjamin Miller,	Nov. 30, 1911
August 6, 1913	Irene Mathel Essick,	June 8, 1913
September 13, 1913	Clell Batten Clodfelter,	March 19, 1913
October 7, 1913	Nellie Belle Everhart,	Sept. 22, 1910
October 7, 1913	Ellen Catherine Everhart,	Oct. 18, 1912
October 8, 1913	Ivery Richard Everhart,	Sept. 20, 1913
May 3, 1914	Joseph Hal Green,	Nov. 30, 1912
November 19, 1914	Ruth Leonard,	July 26, 1914
January 10, 1915	Treva Jenette Leonard,	Nov. 29, 1913
March 28, 1915	Kathaleene Elizabeth Leonard,	Dec. 27, 1913
May 2, 1915	Sadie Lee Everhart,	Sept. 10, 1910
May 2, 1915	May Kathaleene Sink,	Jan. 11, 1915
August 4, 1915	William Grant Frazier,	Jan. 29, 1914
September 5, 1915	Clara Essick,	Dec. 6, 1914
September 5, 1915	Benjamine Franklin Green,	March 13, 1915
April 2, 1916	Clarence Reid Clodfelter,	Nov. 23, 1915
April 24, 1916	Annie Leonard,	April 4, 1916
June 4, 1916	Sarah Jean Leonard,	April 4, 1916
September 24, 1916	Ivey Richard Leonard,	Nov. 24, 1915
February 4, 1917	Mabel Lucile Everhart,	Jan. 8, 1917
May 27, 1917	Mildred Leonard,	March, 1917
August 6, 1917	Henry Jackson Clodfelter,	Dec. 29, 1916
October 21, 1917	Millard Ray Everhart,	Aug. 28, 1917

APPENDIX — 2

PILGRIM REFORMED CHURCH

BAPTISMS BY DR. J. D. ANDREW

Date of Baptism	Name	Date of Birth
May 26, 1918	Annie May Clodfelter,	May 9, 1918
August 6, 1918	Sarah Elizabeth Green,	March 31, 1918
August 6, 1918	Clara Belle Clodfelter,	Jan. 18, 1918
October 6, 1918	James Elmer Byerly,	Jan. 24, 1918
October 6, 1918	Willie Cathelle Byerly,	Dec. 11, 1913
January 1, 1919	Martha Elizabeth Wagner,	March 20, 1914
January 1, 1919	Joe Vaughan Wagner,	Feb. 25, 1916
January 1, 1919	James Lafayette Wagner,	Feb. 25, 1918
July 13, 1919	Joseph Hayworth Leonard,	March 7, 1919
July 31, 1919	James Bradley Hill,	April 1, 1915
July 31, 1919	Hilda Katherine Hill,	Sept. 1, 1918
September 14, 1919	Verna May Frazier,	Oct. 16, 1918
September 15, 1919	Robert Hughes Hamil,	Aug. 4, 1910
September 15, 1919	Lessie Maude Hamil,	May 7, 1912
October 5, 1919	Gertrude Frances Everhart	

April 3, 1920 ..... Mary Lucile Essick, June 24, 1919
July 11, 1920 ..... W. J. Leonard, Jr., March 3, 1920
July 18, 1920 ..... Louis Alpheus Green, Sept. 18, 1919
October 31, 1920 ..... Annie Celia Everhart, Jan. 21, 1916
October 31, 1920 ..... Martha Alice Everhart, May 13, 1919
April 8, 1923 ..... James Franklin Andrew, Dec. 15, 1922
May 6, 1923 ..... John Dewitt Essick, June 25, 1922
June 3, 1923 ..... Virginia Dare Leonard, Feb. 27, 1923
August 7, 1923 ..... Elaine Ripple, Feb. 11, 1923
September 11, 1924 ..... Roy Garland Hill, Dec. 28, 1921
September 11, 1924 ..... Jacob Gerald Lee Hill, March 4, 1924
December 7, 1924 ..... Mary Louise Green, May 17, 1923
December 7, 1924 ..... Carl Shuford Leonard, March 29, 1924
December 7, 1924 ..... Lawrence Kohler Everhart, Feb. 15, 1924
December 14, 1924 ..... Charles Willard Beck, Dec. 29, 1916
December 14, 1924 ..... Flora Elizabeth Beck, Aug. 21, 1919
December 14, 1924 ..... Richard Thomas Beck, May 23, 1921
December 14, 1924 ..... Frances Louise Beck, Nov. 23, 1923
December 15, 1924 ..... Gladys May Everhart, Feb. 13, 1923
December 15, 1924 ..... Willie Lee Essick, Aug. 12, 1924
December 15, 1924 ..... Rillie Odell Essick, Aug. 12, 1924
December 25, 1924 ..... Margaret Branson Andrew, Oct. 7, 1924
December 28, 1924 ..... Katheryn Christine Leonard, March 29, 1924
December 28, 1924 ..... Arvel Gilmer Frazier, Aug. 31, 1924

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